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LAW PAPERS.

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 1st Augst 1745

Sir

In Conformity to the foregoing Coppy of my last I do now forward to yor Honour the Order of Councill for dismissing Mr Clarkes Petition for an Appeal in the Cause lately depending between him & Mr Towsey wherein I had orders to appear in behalf of the Colony, You have also herewith Coppy of the Brief given the Attorney & Solicitor Generall & Mr Sharpe's bill of charges amounting to £105.15 one moiety of which I have charg'd to the Colony in their Accott here also inclos'd the Ballance of wch I make to be £4.15.9 remaining in my hands having given credit for £69 receivd of the Executors of Francis Wilks Esqr wch summ appears to be due to the Colony by their Accott now transmitted to your honour.

I have at present only to add that as the principal Defect in your late Intestate Law and for wch it was repeald seems to have been the vesting a power of Distributing Real Estates in the Judge of Probates, I should recommend the making another Law varying in that part of it wch from what I can collect of the Sentiments of the Lords of the Councill would be approv'd of here & might prevent any more Appeals in Cases of this Nature I am Sir

Yours & the Colonys
Most Faithfull humle Servt
ELIAKM PALMER

To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO GIDEON WANTON.

NEWHAVEN Augst 1745

S^{r}

I rec^{d} Yours of July the 5th 1745 and I am now to acquaint you That our Assembly (w^{ch} finished the last night) in coming to a Conclusion to furnish the Garrison att Louisburg with 350 men to abide there till the first of June next unless his Maj^{tys} pleasure be sooner known, so that they may be dischargd, 200 of w^{ch} to be made up of them w^{ch} are there, and 150 to be raisd and sent to be commanded by three field Officers &c. did Resolve That if your Gov^{t} would joyn them with an 150 men or more That you should appoint a Maj^{r} to the Regiment.

I desire therefore, you would lett me know your mind seasonably ab^{t} that matter that I may conduct my self accordingly in appointing our Officers: in the formar Management I gave a Commission to the Lieu^{t} Gen^{l} and Gov^{r} Shirley gave a Com^{n} to our Maj^{r} Gen^{l} the like doubtless will be proper for us with respect to this Regiment if you see meet to unite our forces into one Regiment.

I can only inform you That I have at present the Custody of the Counterfeit Plates &c but the men have broke the Goal are fled and as yet not recovered.

I must also ask the favour of your Hon^{r} That in Case M^{r} Robinson should bring forward his Reviews or either of them against me or Esq^{r} Brenton That it might not be pushd forward before M^{r} Hall my brother can come thither. I have been and still am likely to be so engagd in this publick Affair that I cannot possibly be personally present at your Court and much incumberd in furnishing out M^{r} Hall, and the Cases are of considerable Consequence to me, and as I know the Case to be honest on my side so I

understand it to be even universally rec^{d} among you. be sure I honestly bargaind and paid my money more than forty years agone. and for want of fair dealings in the matter I thot my self necessitated to resign up one third part of my purchase*

with my Regards to your self the worthy Dep Gov^{r} and the Gentlemen of the Council I Subscribe

Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

the hon^{ble} Gov^{r} WANTON

JOHN PRENTIS TO JONATHAN LAW.

May it please y^{r} Hon^{r}

These p^{r} Cap^{t} Talcott with Forty of my sick men Sent home p^{r} orders of Co^{ll} Burr. I have had above halfe my men sick att a Time, but I hope the most of them is mending. I have buried seven. I am now bound To Lewisburg Thear To Clean and Cleanss my Vesell I am put under Co^{ll} Burrs Directions by maj^{r} Genrall Wollcot July 23^{d} In Company with the Princes Mary and Canturbury two 60 gun Ships we took in sight of Lewisburg an East India Ship from Bengall worth two hundred thousand pounds Sterling. She gives an acc^{t} of two more ships that Sailed a month before her for Lowisburg soe in my next hope to give a better acc^{t} of them she gives an acc^{t} of five ships taken in the East Endies by our men of warr and that the french are much Distresed in those parts. I Cant give any acc^{t} when I shall be ordred home I remain y^{r} Hon^{rs} most obediant

Humble Serv^{t}

JOHN PRENTIS

CANSO August 1st 1745

[Superscribed] On His Majestys Service To The Honorable JONATHAN LAW Esq att Milford

* Nothing further is known regarding this case.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Augst 1. 1745

Sir

By the Letters I received from General Pepperrell and Commodore Warren since my last to you, they Acquaint me that it will require little less than four thousand men to Garrison the City and Fortresses of Louisburg, & that great Numbers of the Soldiers now are desirous to return home, and insist upon it as a Condition of their Enlisting; & therefore the said gentlemen urge hard that the Colonies should raise Recruits for the Relief of those whose Circumstances do plead for their Discharge from the Service. I must therefore desire your Honour would forward the 300 Recruits your Government have voted to raise, and if you could obtain a greater Number it would be of great Advantage, & your Colony will be at little Charge, the Pay and Subsistence being the proper Charge of the Crown.

By the Attempts the Indians have made upon us and the Acts of Hostility they have Committed against us, I expect, I shall soon be Obliged to declare War against them; Therefore at the Request of the Council & House of Representatives of this Province I do hereby signify their & my Desire of the Concurrence & Assistance of your Government in prosecuting the War in Case it should be declared against the said Indians, by furnishing your Quota of men, as well for the Defence of the Frontiers as for the Annoyance of the Enemy

I am Sir

Your Honour's Obedient

Humble Servant,

W SHIRLEY

The hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Gov Shirley August 1st 1745

ANDREW BURR TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hon^rd S^r

I wrote to y^r Hon^r by Cap^t Church & trust you have Rec^d my Letter with some account of the Circumstances of the army. those that Came first in the Expedition are many of them bare foot and very poorly Clothed and very uneasy of being detaind so long after the Expedition (which they suppose) is over.

The Government have not been so Good as to send any Live stock Nor any Clothing shoes or stockings Tho I wrote to Col^o Saltonstall one of the Commisaries that those things were very Needfull even upon the first Motion that was Made for more men to Recruit us here. the other Government have Continually sent fresh provisions for their soldiers, & now tho there is sheep fowls &c to be sold in y^e Harbour we have not money to buy and those y^t have Give very dear.

I Cannot acquaint you as yet what Number of forces must be kept here over the winter and the General will not do any thing about that Matter till Gov^r Sherly Comes down here who is hourly Expected

I have been Obliged to Hire two vessels to Carry those men that were poorly & unfit for service to New England & have agreed to Give forty shillings old Tenour ℔ man for only Transporting of them, which I Trust the Govern^t will freely pay, because three of our Largest vessels were Taken into y^e Kings service y^e twenty fourth of June Last—and the Charge of keeping the men here would Quikly Run out that money. Cap^t Talcott saild with about sixty of Cap^t Prentices men & of our soldiers, y^e Commodore not willing Cap^t Prentice should be Released, so that we now have but one vessel here beside Cap^t Prentice — The ships here have Taken two East India ships

supposed to be worth two hundred thousand pounds sterling Each, and one south sea ship worth four hundred thousand pounds besides a ship Laden with wine & Brandy all In sight of the Harbour without y^e^ Loss of a man — And althô y^e^ Land forces should Get none of it yet we Must Look upon it as a smile of Divine Providence upon us for at y^e^ same time that it strengthens and Enriches y^e^ English Nation it weakens our Enemies the french. I may further Add that y^e^ Letters Taken in y^e^ East India ships Give an account that Commodore Barnet hath Taken five of y^e^ french ships in y^e^ East Indies & also that y^e^ south sea ship Gave an account that in y^e^ Lattitude of forty three two more of y^e^ south sea ships were Taken by two English ships whether they were men of war or Privateers is yet uncertain those two ships they say were Either of them Richer than this & this ship Received several shot from them & had some men wounded which was y^e^ Reason of her Coming here, upon the whole I think I may say that y^e^ french King never met with so Great a blow in so short a Time from such a small army & fleet. It seems as thô the Heavens fought for us and against our Enemies. Not unto us but to the Almighty be y^e^ Glory & the victory. So wishing health & Prosperity to your Hon^r^ your Lady & family — I am with sincerity y^r^ Hon^rs^ Obedient

Hum^le^ Serv^t^

AND^W^ BURR

LOUISBOURG August 7^th^: 1745

[Superscribed] To the Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ Gov^r^ of Connecticut att Milford on his Majesties Service

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Burrs Letter Aug^st^ 7 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO ANDREW BURR.

New Haven Augst: 8th: 1745

S^{r}

I have had the favour of Yours of the 3^{d} of the last month and Gov^{r} Shirley pressing very hard for my Sending the 300 Augmentation troops, which had been agreed upon with this Caution that if by authentick Acc^{ts} it Should appear to me before their embarkation not to be necessary that I Should Disband them, and having had the Joyfull News of the reduction of Louisbourg, Delay was put to the enlistment of the men who were to be enlisted on the Same Encouragment that others had been, and on his information that 3000 were necessary to garrison the place and our Quota of that Number was 800, I Called the Council and had the Advice of the Dep^{t} Gov^{r}, but it being the opinion of the Council that I could not proceed on the former Act of the Assembly Could not Advise me to call an Assembly and tho't it was proper for me to move to You to inform me what number of our forces may be willing to abide there for Some time, that the Assembly may Consider whether it amounts to Such A Number or more than they Shall Judge to be Such A Quota as they Shall think proper for them to Support there, and to Supply with more if any Shall be wanting and also let me Know whether more provisions Shall be necessary for the Support of our troops which may Abide there, I Observe the provisions made by the Massachusets was for three months. in haste I Subscribe

Y^{r} very Humb^{e}
Serv^{t}
JONTH LAW.

To Co^{l} Andrew Law

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll^{l} Burr Augst 1745

THOMAS CORBETT TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE 8th Augt 1745.

Sir

I have Received and Communicated to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter of the 28th June, giving an Account of the Reduction of Louisbourg and the Territories Adjacent with a Copy of the Terms of Capitulation, and am Commanded by their Lordships to Congratulate You on the Success of His Majesty's Arms in that Expedition, and particularly on the Part You have had in it, the Prudence and Zeal with which Commodore Warren has Acted is highly to be commended. And the Happy Harmony which has Subsisted between You, without which Enterprizes of War are seld[ ] Prosperous, has greatly contributed to your Success

The Ministry here are highly Sensible of the Value of this Acquisition which is of so much importance to the Trade of his Majesty's Subjects in North America And have already Ordered two Regiments from Gibralter to be Carried to Louisbourg in Transports provided here for that Purpose under a proper Convoy, and will, I make no doubt, effectually Support this New Conquest, and Reward the Valour of the Officers & others concerned in it equal to their Merits, to whom Mr Warren has done Justice in his Letters, And I heartily wish you the Satisfaction of Seeing this Important Place well Secured to the Crown of England And that the Trade of the Colonies of America may flourish in the Advantages they will Receive thereby.

I am with great Regard ,
Sr Your Most humble Servant
THOS CORBETT

Honble General PEPPERRELL

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 9th August 1745.

Ten Mohawk and Tuskaroro Sachims having been to Canada among others of the Six Nations to Treat with the Governour of that place Returned from thence and bring the following account of what passed there with the Governour.

They Say

That the Onondages without Consulting the other Six Nations renewed the Covenant they had formerly made with the Governour of Canada and did also frequently Conferr with the ffrench Governour in private but what then Passed or was Transacted they were Ignorant of.

That the Governour told them that the ffrench had taken an English Vessell and found Letters on Board which gave an Account that the English designed to take Canada and when they were Masters of that Country that then they intended to destroy the Six Nations.

That when they had been four days at Montreal they heard some Indians Cry out as they usually do when they come from ffighting which they Expected were some Indians from the Southward who had been fighting to the Southwd agt the Cattabaws but looking out they were told that some Orondax Indians had two Scalps of Englishmen which Surprized them very much and immediately the Governour Sent for them and informed them that he had sent out a party of three Caghnawages three Mehawenidies and three Orondax to go as far as the head of the Otter Creek to see whether the English were building any ffortifications there And that without his Knowledge thirty Orondax were gone after them and had killed

two Englishmen They Say that the Governour Seemed very Angry and told them that he had not given any Orders to his Indians to Kill any White people in New England but had told the party he sent out to take a prisoner for Intelligence if they could Conveniently do it That the Governour of Canada turned the Orondax away and would not Suffer them to come into his House.

That the Governour told them that the Road should always be Open for them whatever might happen between Him and the New England people.

They Say that the Account of the Surrender of Louisburgh was brought to Montreal while they were there And that a few days after and Express came from Quebeck who was but one Night by the Way to inform the Governour that two or three fisher Boats was come up the River to Quebek and brough an Account that they had seen two English Men of Warr in the river S^{t} Lawrence which they Supposed to be part of a ffleet coming to take Quebeck that upon this News the Governour of Quebeck went down immediately from Montreal with 1000 Men and left Orders for half of the Militia to follow him. They Say that they have been informed that three of the Missesqueek Indians were gone to New England to take a prisoner. That Sconondo a Sachim of Caghnawage told them the day that the News of the Surrender of Cape Breton came to Montreal that the Caghnawages were determined to assist their father the Gov^{r} of Canada under whose protection they live against all Attempts which Shall be made against Him.

That the Onondage Sachims told the Governour of Canada that they Expected that he would in no wise Molest Oswego that if he did perhaps their

Affections would turn against him that the ffrench Should think them Selves well off to have two fforts along the same Lake with which they ought to be Satisfied.

That they asked the Governour of Canada about the English People who were taken prisoners at the back of Pensilvania And that the Governour of Canada Answed them that he had not heard any thing of it.

That the Caghnawages have promised the Governor of Canada to Send 100 Men to the Assistance of Quebeck.

That the Governour of Canada did not give them presents so large as usual giving fer Reason that the English had blocked up the River so that their Vessells could not get in.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 12th August 1745.

The Interpreter informed this Board that a Trusty Mohawk Indian who came from Canada informed him that when they were there the Governour told them as follows—

Children.

You gave the English Liberty at first to build a Trading House at Oswego but instead thereof they built a Strong House and afterwards they have Surrounded it with a Stone Wall and mounted Cannon thereon which they have done only to destroy you That when they go to Murder you, you cant fly to me for protection but to Stop you there and kill you, you Escaped Destruction very Narrowly last Winter when the English designed to Murder you.

Children

I Expect the English will Certainly attack me and therefore in order to defend my Self against them I

have given the Hatchet to all the Indians under my protection against the English who have all of them taken it up and promised to defend me against the English to the utmost of their power And I have Sent for all the upper Nations to come down here near me to assist me as I have Occasion for them I have Just now told you that the English design to Destroy all your Nations and that you are on the very brink of Destruction Wherefore out of the tender regard I have for you I desire you will come and live in my Country where I will Receive you with open Arms And now I desire that you will take up the Hatchet against the English to assist me against them. Then he laid down a large black belt of Wampum with the figure of a Hatchet in it.

Our Indians Answered the Governour that they would take the Belt of Wampum with them and Consider of it at Onondago in a full Council of the Six Nations and then give him their Answer.

The said Indian also informed the Interpreter That the Caghnawages took up the Hatchet against the English at Montreal in the presence of the Sachims of the Six Nations then those and afterwards the Caghnawages desired our Mohawks to Join with them in the War against the English and gave them a Belt of Wampum to Carry home to their Castle to Consider of it And then to Send them their Answer.

a true Copy Ex^d ℔ J CATHERWOOD Secry

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE'S LETTER.

Paragraph of his Grace the Duke of New Castles Letter of the 10^th^ of August 1745

As to the manner in which the expence that may be necessary to be immediately made, is to be

answered; The Lords Justices have thought proper to direct, that for the present, and untill a regular establishment can be made; Bills should be drawn upon the Pay Master General of his Majestys Forces, the Treasurer of the Navy, & the Treasurer of the Ordinance; for such sums as shall be expended (relative to those Offices) by you and M^r^ Peperell, for the necessary Services; w^ch^ method you will accordingly observe, transmitting constant & particular accounts of the several Services upon w^ch^ the several Expences shall have been made

[Indorsed] Admiral Warrens Letter and an Extract of the Duke of N Castles 9^ber^ 1745

[Another copy indorsed] Paragraph of the Duke of New Castles Letter

WILLIAM PITKIN TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD August the 10^th^ 1745

*S^r^*

I Jest Now See Cap^t^ James Church Who Came home from Lueesburg the Last Night, and Informs that Cap^t^ King of Midletown has a Letter for your Honour from Coll: Burr, Which was to have Ben in the Care of Cap^t^ Church it was thoat Best to Send an exspress to Take and Carry it to your Honour, Cap^t^ Church Sayes the men are Vary unesey there, and Many of them in Great want of Cloathing as Shirts and the Like, and think it exsteemly Hard and Take Liberty to Speak hard of those Who they Supose have the Power to Dismiss them, that they are Not Drawn of according to the Incuragement Given them, if your Honour is not fully Sattisfied with what is Contained in Coll. Burrs Letter and Need Require Cap^t^ Church will wait on your Honour, tho he Dont

Chuse to Take Such a Ride But on Nesecety, he Teles Me but fue in our Regiment are willing to abide there purhaps not More than fifty, and that an east Indea Ship was Taken the Day he Came from thence and Gives an acc^{t} of Two More Comeing as I Take it, I am Your Honours

Most obedient Humble Serv^{t}

WM PITKIN

To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

[Superscribed] To the Hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r} Governor of the Colony of Connecticut at Milford On His Majestys Service ℔^{r} Express

[Indorsed] Will^{m} Pitkins Letter Augst 10th 1745

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL,

WHITEHALL August 10th 1745.

Sir,

I Received on the 20th of Last Month, by Cap^{t} Montagu, your and M^{r} Warren's joint Letter of the 18th of June; with the Agreeable News of the Reduction of the Fort, and the Town of Louisbourg and of the Territory thereto belonging, to His Majesty's obedience. And I had by the Same Conveyance your Seperate Letter of the same Date. On the 28th Cap^{t} Geary arrived and brought me your Letter of June 28th and yours and M^{r} Warren's joint Letter of July 4th with Duplicates of your former Dispatches. I laid them all immediately before the Lords Justices, who had the Greatest Joy in an Event, which does so much Honour to His Majestys Arms, and may be Attended with such Happy Consequences to the Trade and Commerce of His Maj^{tys} Subjects: And their Excies recommended it to me, in a perticular manner, to Assure you of the Sense they have of your Pru-

dence Courage, and Conduct, which Contributed so greatly to the Success of the Enterprize. As I Lost no Time in transmitting Copies of your Dispatches to my Lord Harrington, at Hanover, to be laid before the King, I have now the pleasure to Acquaint you, That the News of the Reduction of Louisbourg was receiv'd by his Majesty with the highest Satisfaction; which the King has Commanded Should be Signify'd to all the Commanders and other Officers, both of Land & Sea who were Instrumental therein: In Consequence of which I am to desire you would Acquaint the Officers, under your Command with His Majesty's most gracious Approbation of their Service, upon this Occasion. It is a great Satisfaction to me to Acquaint you, that His Majesty has though fit to distinguish, in a particular manner the Commanders in Chief in this Expedition by Conferring on you the Dignity of a Baronet of Great Brittain (upon which I beg Leave most Sincerely to Congratulate you) and of giving a Flag to M^{r} Warren. The Lords Justices have thought proper to Recommend M^{r} Warren to His Majesty to be appointed Governour of Louisbourg, and his Commission for that purpose will be Sent to him, by the first opportunity. The Lords Justices had under their Consideration, what Orders might be necessary to be immediately given, for Securing this important Conquest And as you and M^{r} Warren have represented the Necessity of Establishing a Garrison of Regular Troops there. Their Excies have ordered Two Regiments to be Sent thither immediately from Gibralter; and as orders were dispatched to Gibralter, on the 27th past to hold the Regiments in Readiness to Embark for Cape Breton immediately upon the Arrival of the Transports from hence. We hope they may Arrive at Louisbourg in good Time.

Their Exc̃ies have not yet received His Majestys pleasure with Regard to the Establishing One or more Regiments of the New England Forces now at Louisbourg, as proposed by You & M^r Warren; But no time will be Lost in Settling that Affair; And I shall be able to Acquaint you, when I have the next opportunity of writing, with what shall have been determined therein: In the mean Time you may be Assured, That in this Consideration, the greatest Regard will be had to establish a sufficient Force, for the defence of this Important Place, which will give An Opportunity to distinguish your Merit & Signal Services: And also that of those Gentlemen Under your Command, who have behaved so well in the Service of their King & Country.

Their Exc̃ies have given directions for the Ammunition & Stores mentioned in the Inclosed List (which was delivered by Cap^t Geary) to be immediately provided, by the Office of Ordnance, & Sent to Louisbourg with the Utmost Expedition.

Besides the Stores mentioned on Cap^t Geary's List there will be * * * * * * * * *

[ ] William Pepperrell

[Remainder of letter missing.]

NEW YORK INDIAN COMMISSIONERS TO GEORGE CLINTON.

ALBANY y^e 12. August 1745

May it Please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies Letter of the 31^st July with a Paragraph of Governour Shirleys Letter there inclosed and have Considered of the Same, when we rec^d your Excellencies Letter we had already Sent two Indians to the Northward to Enquire who

were the Authors of this Murder, and they brought us an Autentick Account that it was Committed by some of the Orondax, We have formerly mentioned to your Excellency and we daily Expected Some Mohawks Indians from Canada and Resolved to Waite their Arrivall before We Sent our Interpreter to the Six Nations about the Said Murder Committed in new England The Mohawks returned Last Fryday and we Examined them Concerning what passed between the Indians of the Six Nations and the French Governour, When they Informed Us of Sudry Particulars the Minutes Whereof of the 9th Instant, We Send here inclosed but they were either afraid or Ashamed to tell us the Truth, Since which our Interpreter has Sounded a Trusty Man of the Mohawks in Private who Informed him of What we believe has Actually past at Canada, the Contents of which is Contained in the Inclosed Minutes of this date, Your Excellency will thereby perceive that the Canada Indians Have all taking Up the Hatchet against the English, So that There is now an End of the Neutrality with the Indians and we must expect to be Attacked by them As soon as they conviently Can, but what is Still worse is That the French Governour is about Setting our Indians against Us Which it Seems he has made the Chief point At this Meeting and has actually offered them the Hatchet against us which they have Not refused but Told him they would Consider of it at Onondage and then give him their Answer, So that our Indians are It Seems almost gained by the French to their Interest and if the most Effectual and Speedy Care be not taken, we must Expect to have them Our Enemies, as our Indians Seem to be in so Wavering a Scituation, we Have not thought proper to Send our Interpreter Up about the Mur-

der in New England as judgeing he would meet with no Success, We hope Your Excellency will Approve of our Management herein we think it Absolutely necessary That Your Excellency Should Come up here as soon as possible to meet the Six Nations and it would be proper in our Opinion That Comm^rs of the Massachusetts bay be then Also present To Endeavour to take Some new Measures with the Six Nations and if it be then thought proper, To prevail upon them To take up the Hatchet against the French If this be not done, the French will Leave Nothing Unessayed to make them our Enemies in which they have already made too great progress. The French have so great a Number of Indians in their Interest as makes our Indians fearfull to offend them, Especially as we do not Provide for their Safety and Defence. As affairs are at Present in this Critical Posture It is absolutely necessary that the Assembly Enable Your Excellency to make more than Ordinary presents in Order to which they Should likewise Consider that the price of Goods is greatly Advanced and that it will be Necessary that the Warriours be Called down here as well as the Sachims upon this Occasion.

We hope That the Assembly will at Least resolve to raise Money for a Fort At the Carrying Place and to keep a proper Number of Men there For Outscouts to protect our Frontiers in Some Measure against the Enemy If this be not done That the Outscouts can have a Rendez Vous It is impossible to keep any Parties Out so that our Country must then Lie exposed to the Enemy Even to the Gates of this City.

The £300 allowed Us for Outscouts is Not only expended but Considerably Exceeded.

As soon as Your Excellency resolves to Come Up

here It will be necessary that we are Acquainted therewith That we may Send up the Interpreter to call down the Indians to meet Your Excellency here at the day Appointed.

We think it both necessary and just that the provinces of Virginia Maryland and Pensilvania Should likewise Send Deputies here with presents to Attend at this Meeting, for this Affair Concerns all the Provinces in an Especial Manner.

We are with the greatest Respect
May It please your Excellency
Your most Obedient and Most
Humble Servants —
MYNDERT SCHUYLER
NICOLAS BLEEKER
DIRCK TEN BROECK
HENDRICK TEN EYCK
CORNELIS CUYLER
JOHANNIS LANSING JUN^{R}
JN^{O} De PEYSTER
STEPHEN VAN RENSSALAER
REYER GERRITSE

a true Copy Ex^{d} ℔ J Catherwood Secy

[Indorsed] Gov Clinton and Albany Com^{rs}

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW

Boston Augst 14. 1745

Sir,

At the Desire of his Majesty's Council & upon a Representation made by Lieutenant General Pepperrell in his Letter of the 6th Instant by a Vessel just Arrived here, of the Necessity of Recruits for the Garrison at Louisburg & the Danger of its falling into the Enemy's hands without them, I must earnestly

request of your Honour that you would promote the raising as many men in your Colony as may be & that as soon as possible.

I shall do all in my power to have the Number of Recruits Voted for by Our Assembly (which was one thousand and whereof about seven hundred are already gone) fully made up and sent forward without delay.

By the express Boat now arrived from Louisburg, We have certain Intelligence that besides the first India Man taken by Commodore Warren's Squadron (of which we were advised last week) they have taken another India Man richly laden and a South Sea man with £400 000 Sterling in money besides a valuable Cargo of Merchandise, all which were taken in Sight of the Garrison; so that it is Judged the Value of the Captures made on that Coast by his Majesty's Ships is near One Million Sterling (If not more) Which it is probable would never have fallen into Our hands, if this Expedition had not been Attempted.

I am Sir

Your Honour's most

Obedient humble Servant

S PHIPS

Your Honour will be pleased to Send the enclosed Letters forward by Express

The honourable JONATHAN LAWS Esq^{r}

CONNECTICUT'S ADDRESS TO THE KING

To y^e^ Kings Most Excellent Majesty

May it Please your Majesty

Your Dutifull and Loyall Subjects y^e^ Gov^r^ and Company of your English Collony of Connecticut in New England Most humbly begg leave to Represent, That the Provinces of y^e^ Massechusetts Bay and New-Hamshire, many of whose Inhabitants formerly used y^e^ fishing Trade, being Since y^e^ French warr greatly Injured in y^t^ business, and perticularly by y^e^ french at Cape Breton, proposed an Expedition Against your Majesties Enemies on Cape Breton and parts adjacent, for y^e^ Reduction of y^e^ same to your Majesties Obedience, And thereupon Your Majesties Province y^e^ Massachusets Bay, Invited this and y^e^ more western Colony or Colonys Together with y^e^ Colony of Road-Island to Joyn therein; Whereupon this Your Majesties Colony of Connecticut though as Little Interested in this Affaire as perhaps any of y^e^ more Western Plantations, Who Sent no men into y^e^ Expedition This Colony not Having for many Years past so much as one Vessell Imployed in y^e^ fishery there, Yet greatly Resenting y^e^ Treatment of Your Majestys Subjects at Canso mett with from y^e^ French y^e^ Last Year, the Attempts made upon Annapolis Royall y^e^ Threatnings given out of further attacks thereon y^e^ Present year, and y^e^ preparations we were Informed were making for y^t^ purpose, Aprehensive also of what great Advantage it might be to y^e^ British Crown and to Your Majestys Provinces and Colonys in North America in Generall, and for y^e^ protection and defence of Neva Scotia in Perticular to Subdue Your Majestys Enemies Annoying these parts, Esteeming it also a Singular Pleasure to Serve

your Majesties Interest and promote y^e^ Common good and Safety of Your Subjects in Such an Important Point. Wee Your Majestys Loyall and Dutifull Subjects with great Chearfullness Undertook and Joyned with y^e^ Neighbouring Colonys in y^e^ proposed Expedition and carryed on y^e^ same with utmost Dispatch in which this Colony was Second to none but y^e^ Province of y^e^ Massachusets Bay To whose wealth Trade, numbers and Extent This Colony bares but a very Small proportion, for may it Please Your Majesty, This Small Colony, both in Extent and Trade, and poor in Estate having Little or no Advantage to Raise money but by Taxes on y^e^ People, Raised at first five hundred Voluntiers Effective men for y^e^ Land Service and one Hundred for y^e^ Sea on Board y^e^ Colony Guard Sloop, which was y^e^ Only Vessell of force y^e^ Colony had, Equipped, Victualled Transported and Maintained the Same in Your Majestys Service in this Important Expedition, Which forces in Conjunction with upward of three Thousand Land forces from y^e^ Provinces of y^e^ Massachusets Bay and New-Hampshire, one Sloop with about ninty men from Road Island, Together with a Squadron of Your Majestys Ships of warr under y^e^ Command of y^e^ Hon^ble^ Peter Warren Esq Commadore of y^e^ Same with a number of Smaller Vessels of force from y^e^ Massachusets On y^e^ 16^th^ day of June Last after forty nine dayes Close Seige Compelled y^e^ enemy upon a Capitulation to Surrender, the Terms whereof we Conclude Your Majesty is Informed and Accordingly y^e^ City and fortresses of Louisbourg with y^e^ Territories thereon Dependant were surrendered up to your Majesty with all their Artilery and Warlike Stores for y^e^ use and Defence of y^e^ Same but before y^s^ happy Conquest, this Colony further Moved by its former

principles, raised provided for and Sent into y^e^ Same Service Two hundred able Effective Voluntiers more besides Offices, who Arrived there Soon after y^e^ Surrendery of y^e^ Place, And Again before we had News of y^e^ Surrendery, this Colony, Under all y^e^ heavy burthens it then Laboured Least for want of mere force an Expedition of Such great Importance should happen to faill, further Resolved and gave out Commissiens for y^e^ raising three hundred Volunteers more for y^e^ Augmentation of y^e^ former Troops Raised for this Service, which Last the Agreable news of y^e^ Surrendery of y^e^ Place Coming Soon after y^e^ Commissiens were Out did not Inlist, And to y^e^ End this Great and Important Acquisition may be Maintained, this Colony humbly Depending on your Majestyes Royall goodness have now Resolved to Raise and Support for y^e^ Keeping Your Majestys Garrison thus Lately Acquired y^e^ Number of three Hundred and fifty men untill y^e^ first of June Next Unless Your Majestys Royall pleasure be Sooner known; Whereupon wee humbly beg leave to Observe y^t^ this Colony in Raising y^e^ Severall Volunteers before Mentioned Judged it Necessary to Give greater Encouragments to y^e^ people whose Interest in y^e^ Consequencies of this Expedition was not so Immediatly Affected to Inlist into this Service than y^e^ Other Goverments more immediately Interested there in had Occasion to give, And that by this Great and Expensive Undertaking we have Expended About twenty Thousand pounds New Engla^d^ Currency Which in addition to y^e^ Expence Occasioned in y^e^ year 1740 by y^e^ warr with Spain and to a very Considerable Expence this Colony is at in Assisting y^e^ Massachusets in defending their Frontiers has Runn this Colony Extreamly into Debt and Reduced it to a very Low Ebb.

Most Gracious Sovereign having given Your Majesty a Short and very Generall Account of our proceedings, and y^e^ happy success Attending this Expedition and having this great occasion of Rejoyceing Wee most humbly beg Leave to Congratulate Your Majesty in y^e^ Most Agreable news of this Enlargments of your Dominions by y^e^ Reduction of this so Important City, and fortresses of Louisbourg on Cape Breton with y^e^ Territories y^r^on depending to Your Majestys Obedience that your Majesty is new possessed of a Strong hold (once your enemies) Which seems to be y^e^ Key of North America y^e^ Building of which Cost y^e^ french King an Immense Summ, that by means of this Success, a powerfull Seige, which has this year been Laid against Annapalis Royall has as we are Informed been Raised and y^t^ by means thereof as we have great Reason to hope, Your Majestys Province of Nova-Scotia and other Neighbouring Provinces will for y^e^ future be in great measure freed from y^e^ Annoyance of y^e^ French and their barborous Allies so very Troublesome in these parts:

Will Your Majesty be pleased therefore to suffer this Small Colony labouring under poverty and deeply in Debt to hope for and most humbly to Request your Royall favour and Bounty toward us in Granting us Relief under y^e^ heavy Charge which we have Expended, in Exerting our Selves in this Important Service wherein we Conceive we have all Circumstances Considered done more than Our Proportion with our Neighbours, And wee beg Leave Humbly to Assure your Majesty y^t^ we shall with all Thankfulness Accept and Acknowledge Any favour Your Majesty in Your great goodness shall think proper to Manifest: Will your Majesty be pleased further to permitt us humbly to Recommend to your Royall

Consideration & favour y^e^ Officers and Souldiers who have Voluntarily Served their King in this Expedition Going Through Incredible Labours and Fatigues in Erecting Batteries, One of which they Advanced within about two Hundred yards of the City walls: firing nine or Ten Thousand Great Shott and Shells and Small Shott without number and Receiving the Enemies Shott near Equall, and in drawing of Gunns (Some forty two pounders) in all which y^e^ officers and Souldiers from Connecticut whose Loyalty & Resolution is Inferior to none bore their full share, Notwithstanding all which these Officers and Souldiers (who would have been Entituled to y^e^ plunder if Taken) Rec^d^ no benefitt thereof, the same by Capitulation being given up and y^e^ City and forts with their Artillery Saved and Surrendered to Your Majesty; Whereas y^e^ officers and Souldiers at Sea both before and Since y^e^ Surrendry, Have had Great and Valuable Prizes fallen into their hands even within sight of y^e^ City walls, perticularly Since y^e^ Surrendry Two french East India ships Richly Laden and one South Sea Ship, Which we have advice had on board four hundred thousand pounds Sterlin in money, besides a valuable Cargo in goods; And it is Supposed y^t^ y^e^ Captures there Ammount to a Million Sterling or more Which it is probable would never have fallen into y^e^ hands of your Majestys Subjects if this Expedition had not been Undertaken.

We Have presumed to Send Your Majesty a Roll of y^e^ Officers from Connecticut and most Humbly pray Your Majesties Most Gracious Acceptance Audience and favour:

May Your Majesties Reign be long and prosperous Your Arms Victorious, the Acquisitions obtained to your Dominions Continued And wee admitted y^e^

Pleasure and Satisfaction to Account and Subscribe our Selves, as we Really and Sincerely are,

May it please your Majesty

Your Majesties Most loyall Dutifull & Obedient Subjects

The Gov^r and Company of Your English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America ———

JON^TH LAW Gov^R

Connecticut ss New Haven
August y^e 16 A Dom 1745

By Order of y^e Governour and Company Afores^d Assembled in Generall Court

GEORGE WYLLYS Secretary

[Indorsed] Address to his Maj^ty

PETER MOORE'S AFFIDAVIT.

City of NEW YORK } ss

This 16^th day of August Anno 1745.

Examined Peter Moore who declareth that Bastian Killet and John Ryan came to him some time in March last at Bermudas and after some time drinking with them he told them he was going a privateering they told him he need not for that they would furnish him with money and that he should be worth £1000 in a few days gave him some ₱^s 8/8 and some Doubleoons to pass that they had at least 3000 ₱^s of 8/8 and 50 Doubloons which they passed in the Island and left him with very little money After his Arrival here he met Killet who told him he now should be worth the money he told him of at

Bermudas and bid him get a Chafen dish with Coals and a Bellows he then took a piece of Chalk and pounded it to Dust having made it moist and with a Mill Dollar made the impression in the Chalk mixing some Copper and Brass which they melted and Cast in less than an Hour about 150 ℔ˢ of 8/8 which he Glazed over with Quick Silver and gave the said Moore ten of them which he passed before he wrote to the Governour to Apprehend them. They being gone out of Town and Moore having no money he fell to making of ℔ˢ of 8/8 of pewter in the manner Killet had shown him; By what they told Moore one of them is gone to Brunswick and the other to Albany That Kellets Father lives between New London and Boston is a Brazier and a Noted Man in that Country and when he parted with him last he had a large purse with Doubleoons which he had made but with what Composition he Cannot tell but did promise to lead him into the Secret. This was a day before he waited upon the Governour.

Bastian Killet a young Man full faced fair Complexion middle Stature wears a light Wigg a Red laced Jacket a blue Coat and sometimes a Callico Banyan

John Ryan about five feet ten Inches high a fair full faced Man about forty years of Age Wears some times a light Wigg and sometimes a black one, wears a black Waist Coat & Breeches of Velvet and a blue Coat lined with Red.

Sworn to before STEPHEN BAYARD Mayor of the City of New York.

A true Copy Examᵈ ℔ J CATHERWOOD Secry

JONATHAN LAW TO SPENCER PHIPS.

N Haven Augst 18 1745

S^{r}

Yours of the 14th Instant I just now rec^{d} and rejoyce with you on y^{e} good News from Louisburge and can only inform you That one of our Transports is lately saild with Stores for Louisburg and that on receiving a Letter from Coll^{l} Burr signifying that some of our Troops were desirous of returning home and that the numbers necessary for garrisoning would not be concluded till Gov^{r} Shirley should arrive there I imediatly calld an Assembly who are now setting That we might without delay raise so many men and send them as we should judge our proportion of the whole including those whom he should inform us were willing to abide there. two hundred Recruits are sent and arrivd, under the same Encouragements which y^{e} first went on as I suppose your Recruits and Augmentatios are gone. shall take y^{e} proper Care of your Paquett to N York and Subscribe

Your Hon^{rs}

very humble Servant

JONTH LAW

the hon^{ble} Spencer Phipps Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to L^{t} Gov^{r} Phipps Augst 1745

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 19 Aug^{t} 1745

Sir

You'l see by the Examination herewith That two persons named therein are Charged with Coining of Spanish mony & passing the same in this City, and that the Father of one of them lives near New

London: probably the Fellow may Stroll your way, For which reason I should be glad You would make Strict Inquiry ab^{t} him, as the taking him would be of great service to the Colony. The Examin^{s} made the Discovery after he suffered Punishm^{t} here, as a Party concerned, & is Still confined.

I am

Sir Your very humble Serv^{t}

G CLINTON

The Hon^{ble} Jon^{n} Law Esq^{r}

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston August 19. 1745

Sir,

The State of Affairs between this Governm^{t} & the Eastern Indians being in such a Situation as to make it necessary for the better Security of his Majestys Subjects on the Frontiers exposed to their Fury, to declare War against them, unless by their speedy Compliance with the Demands of the Government they should prevent it; I do now at the Desire of the General Court of this Province in their late Session, hereby inform your Honour of our Proceedings with the said Indians in order to prevent a War, & the Unsuccessfulness thereof, as you will find by the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Gov^{r} Shirley to the said Indians, and another Letter from him to Capt^{a} Bradbury Commander of the Fort at S^{t} Georges River, directing him to demand Satisfaction of them for the Murders committed upon our Inhabitants by some of their People joining with the other Indians, & their burning their Houses, killing their Cattle &c^{a} with Cpt. Bradbury's Answer to the last mentioned Letter.

And as the common Cause requires the mutual Assistance of these Governm^{ts} in time of War & Danger, We desire the Concurrence & Assistance of your Governm^{t} for prosecuting a War against these Indians when it shall be declared, & furnishing a Quota of Men for the Defence of the Frontiers in this & the other exposed Colonies; And altho' some of these Colonies are not much or at all exposed to the Assaults of the Indians, yet as the others are a Barrier to them, they must judge it highly reasonable that they should send Succours to the most exposed Places, and especially as we are all equally obliged to this Duty as Subjects of the same Prince; and which his Majesty will justly expect from all his Colonies in these Parts.

I am Sir

Your Honours most obedient humble Servant

S PHIPS

The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Gov^{r} Phipps's Letter August 19th 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO GIDEON WANTON.

NEW HAVEN, August 21st 1745

S^{r}

I rec^{d} Yours of July the 5th 1745 and I am now to acquaint you; That our Assembly (which finished the last Night) coming to a Conclusion to furnish the Garrison att Louisburg with 350 men to abide there till the first of June next unless his Maj^{tes} pleasure be sooner known, so that they may be Discharg^{d} 200 of which are to be made up of them which are there and a Hundred and fifty to be raised and sent, to be Commanded by three Field Officers &^{c}: did Resolve

That if your Gov^{t} would joyn them with 150 Men or more That you should appoint a Maj^{r} to the Regiment. I Desire therefore, you would let me know your mind Seasonably about that matter, that I may Conduct my self accordingly in appointing our Officers: in the former management, I gave a Commission to the Lieu^{t} Gen^{l} and Gov^{r} Shirley gave a Commission to our Maj^{r} Gen^{l} the like doubtless will be proper for us with respect to this Regiment if you see meet to unite our forces into one Regiment.

I can only inform you That I have at present the Custody of the Counterfeit Plates &c but the men have Broke the Goal are fled and as yet not recover^{d}.

I must ask the favour of your Hon^{r} That in Case M^{r} Robinson should bring forward his Reviews or either of them against me or Esq^{r} Brenton That it might not be push^{d} forward before Brother Hall can Come thither: I have been and still am likely to be so engaged in this Publick Affair that I cannot possibly be personally present at your Court and much incumberd in furnishing out M^{r} Hall, and the Cases are of Considerable Consequence to me and I know the Case to be honest on my side so I understand it to be even universally rec^{d} among you, be sure I honestly bargaind and paid my Money more than Fourty Years agone and for want of fair dealings in the matter I thought myself necessitated to Resign up one third part of my purchase.

with my Regards to your self the worthy Dep^{t} Gov^{r} and the Gentlemen of the Council I Subscribe

Your Humble Servant

JONTH LAW

To the hon^{ble} Gov^{r} WANTON,

[Indorsed] Gov^{r} Wanton

JONATHAN LAW TO ANDREW BURR.

NEW HAVEN Augst 21st 1745

S^{r}

I herewith Inclose to you Copyes of the Acts of the Assembly by which you will see w^{t} their Conclusion is ab^{t} their furnishing the Garison att Louisburg as also the Encouragements given to continue in the Service and a Direction to me to give you an Order to draw off and send Home the Troops, our Guard Sloop & Transports pursuant thereunto I do hereby Give you Order to draw them off accordingly

I herewith also send to you a Letter to the Comadore and another to Lieu^{t} Gen^{l} Pepperill w^{ch} you will take Care of

I sent a Letter to you by M^{r} Miles w^{ch} you will take Notice of but on Information this Morning That Miles is not gone from N. London I have sent to stay him till he may receive these Orders to save y^{e} trouble and Delay of sending by the way of Boston

You'l readily see the Contingencies on which my proceeding to raise men and Comisionate officers depends that you will see a necessity of the quickest Dispatch in coming or giving Intelligence and its necessary that the Comissary speedily return or send his Acc^{ts} that those w^{ch} are returnd may have y^{r} Acc^{ts} adjusted & paid off

I shall think it a piece of Justice for me to encourage any Officers that shall be willing to tarry and in Case of their Advancement to give them Comissions suitable accordingly and so of the Souldiers if more than two hundred will choose to abide there not to send men to thrust them out.

In hast I Subscribe

Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

To Coll^{l} ANDREW BURR or next Sup^{r} Officer

[Indorsed] To Coll^{l} Andrew Burr Augst 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO PETER WARREN.*

NEW HAVEN Aug^{t} 21 1745

S^{r}

I take this opertunity to Congratulate your Hon^{r} on the Reduction of Louisbourg and Territory thereon Depending to His Majesties obedience an Acquisition so beneficiall to the Nation and makes such an Addition to the Kings Dominion that it will Doubtless be very favorably Accepted by him and Intitule those that have done the service to His Majestes favor in Which I hope you will have a Deep share

The Imence Weath you have taken from the Enemy by sea before that place will very much Weaken and discourage them and Encourage those men that Shall Share in it

I beg Leave to Inform you that the Gen^{ll} Asembly of this Colony have resolved to suport that Garason with 350 Efective men untill the first of June Next unless His Majestis pleasure bee sooner known This number they have thought is their full quota with the other Governments Concerned With us in the Expedition and they are to be made up of the two Companys Last sent and of such of those that were first Enlisted that are willing to stay the Remainder to be speedily sent from Home

you will readily see that this Leads me to Call home with the Greatest speed the officers and soldiers of the first Enlisting that are unwilling to stay that I may know and send from home what shall be wanting of our quota before Winter which will be Now soon Advanceing

* Although the drafts of both this and the next following letter are in the handwriting of Deputy Governor Roger Wolcott they were probably sent as official communications from Governor Jonathan Law. See Law's letter of even date to Andrew Burr.

And Judging this to be best for His Majestes Enterest and due in Justice to those men that had a promise to return when the Expedition was Done I have Accordingly sent an order to Coll° Bur to return back in the Connecticutt Transports and under the Convoy of Cap^t^ prentice such officers and soldiers of the first Enlisting as are un Willing to stay This I signify to you that you may not think This Government Intends to faill in a Just proportion with other Governments to Defend that Garason and that we are pursuing it in the best manner to the Kings Interest and Justice that have born the fatigue of this Long and Memorable seige I am

To the Hon^able^ PETER WARREN Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Comodore Warren

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM PEPPERRILL

NEW HAVEN Aug^t^ 21 1745

*S^r^*

The service you Have Done in the siege and reduction of Louisbourg will Doubtless Intitle you to His Majesties favor to a Gratefull Acknowledgment from your Country The troops that under your Command performed so well in that service do doubtless Inheritt your higest Esteem and speciall favor and Amonge the rest those from Connecticutt in Major Gen^ll^ Wolcotts Regiment I trust that in all your representations to His Majeste in behalf of the Army those from this Collony have shined as the other part of the Army have Done

the Assembly of this Colony have resolved to suport the Garason of Louisborge with 350 Efective men untill the first of June next unless his Majestes pleasure there be sooner known This Number is to

be made up of the 2 Companys Last sent and such of the first Inlisting as are willing to stay and what shall be found Wanting to be sent from Home and all to be acc^{ted} in the Major Gen^{ll} Regiment

This has obliged me to send an order to Coll^{o} Burr to return Back the officers and soldiers of the first Inlisting that are unwilling to stay in the Connecticutt Transports and under the Convoy of Cap^{t} Prentice as soon as possible: for till they return we Cant know what is to be sent from Hence

you will Easily see that this is in the best manner to pursue His Majestes Enterest that our full Number may be in the Garason there before Winter it is also a Justice due to these men that have born the fatigue of the siege and had a promise to return when the Expedition was over I am

To the Hon^{able} W^{m} PEPERILL Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Gen Pepperil

JONATHAN LAW TO SPENCER PHIPS

NEW HAVEN Augst 21st 1745

S^{r}

Our Assembly have Orderd three hundred and fifty men to remain in Garrison att Louisburg (i e) 200 of them w^{ch} are now there and 150 to be sent there till the first of June next unless his Maj^{ties} pleasure be sooner known so that they may be drawn off and I am also desired to inform you That it is the Expectation of this Gov^{t} that their Troops be supported in Garrison out of the Provisions raisd by the Western Gov^{ts} for his Maj^{ties} Service att Louisburg so farr as our Proportion of men comes to.

Please S^{r} by y^{e} first to lett me know w^{t} y^{e} Quantity of Provisions may be and what the numbers

may be which are to be supported by them that w^t is further wanting may be the better computed by us

I am S^r

Your humble &

obedient Servant

JON^TH LAW

the hon^ble SPENCER PHIPPS Esq^r

[Indorsed] To Gov^r Phipps 1745

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK August 24^th 1745.

Sir.

By the Copys of the Letter from the Comissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany, And their Minutes of the 9^th and 12^th Instant, herewith Inclosed; You will Judge what a Wavering and fickle Disposition, the united Nations of Indians, in League with the Respective British Colonies on the Continent, are at length brought to, through the Indefategable Industry, and delusive Artifices and Intrigues of the ffrench, And will thence Conclude, how much it Imports these Respective Governments, to unite their fforce and Councils, in Order to defeat their distructive Schemes. The ffrench of Canada, from the late Success of the British Arms, in the Conquest of the Island of Breton, no doubt are become Apprehensive, that wee have Views of penetrating farther into their Country, (as I hope the Case may be) And makeing them Still more Sensible of British Resentm^t; as no Accquisition could be of Such Infinite advantage to these Colonies, it must therefore be a Matter, wee have all most warmly at heart, And the ffrench most Terrible Ideas of: It behoves them therefore to Exert their profoundest Policies and Craft, in pursuing, at all adventures, Such

Measures as may be most likely to frustrate any such Attempts, and divert that Torrent which they may imagine seems Ready to overwhelm them; And as a Main Expedient to ward off the impending Danger, It Seems probable the ffrench have made the Strongest Efforts to induce our Indians to a Revolt; and indeed they Seem to have made too great Condecention towards it, by Accepting from the Governor of Canada Belts of Wampum, Containing the figure of a Hatchet, Signifying, amongst these People a Declareation of Warr; upon Condition only, of Carrying them to their Respective Castles to deliberate upon, before they give their decicive Answer. Since matters are brought to this Crisis, I Could not hesitate one Moment about Communicating this Intelligence to the Governours of the Respective Colonies, Concerned in the Issue of an Affair of Such Great Concernment; and at the Same time Informing them of the Steps I am takeing, in order to Retain these United Nations in their fidelity to his Majesty and firm to their Engagements entered into by their Several Treatys Concluded and so Often Renewed and Confirmed, between them and the Governours of the Respective British Colonies: To this End, I have Appointed the fourth day of October next, for a meeting and Conferrence with them; and have thought it Necessary (as the Value of Indian Goods is Exceedingly enhanced) to be provided with £1000, which is upwards of the Value of two years usual presents, as the most perswasive means, to Restore them to perfect good Temper, and Reestablish them in a firm Attachment to us; insomuch, as to Engage them (if pofsible) to Joyn heartily with us in an Offencive prosecution of the Warr, Whenever it Shall become necessary. These are my Views, which I Shall use my utmost Endeavour

to Attain; to the Accomplishment whereof, the presence of Deputys from your Governm^t, at the same time, furnished with the like means, (as it seems absolute necessary, so) will, no doubt, very much Contribute. Wherefore as Soon as I was enabled and determined to give the Indians this Interview, (though at a season I should not have fixed upon but through necessity,) imediately notified it to you, in full perswasion that you will endeavour to Comply with whatever may be thought proper, and Expedient to be done by your Government, in this Matter, at this Critical Conjuncture.

I am Sir

Your very humble ser^t

G CLINTON

Hon^l Jo^H Lawes Esq^r

[Indorsed] Gov^r Clinton's of Aug^st 24 1745 and Copy to him Sept^br 6^th

SPENCER PHIPS* TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston August 26^th: 1745

S^r

I acknowledge y^e Receipt of yo^rs of the 21^st Currant y^e Contents of which I note (i e) you having 200: men already at Louisbourg & intend 150: men more to be Victualled untill June next; Unless his Majesties pleasure should be Sooner known, in that

*Spencer Phips, born at Rowley, Mass., June 6, 1685, died at Boston, April 4, 1757, was the son of Dr. David Bennet of Rowley, but was legally adopted by Sir William Phips. He was graduated from Harvard in 1703. He became a Councillor of the Colony in 1721 and was continued (with the exception of one year) until he was appointed Lieutenant Governor in 1733, which office he retained until his death. He administered the government 1749–53 and 1756–57. *Whitmore's Mass. Civil List*, *Appleton's Encyclopedia of Biography*.

Case your men will be Subsisted in y^e^ Same manner with y^e^ Forces from this Province according to y^e^ Established Allowance of provisions out of what comes from y^e^ Western Governments as well as what is Sent ℔ this Governments y^e^ Whole of provisions Sent ℔ the Severall Governm^ts^ is in one joynt Stock for y^e^ Whole of the Number of men retain'd in y^e^ Service at Louisbourg untill June next, Inclosed you have a Declaration & proclamation in which you'l perceive y^e^ Necessity of making Warr w^th^ y^e^ Indians y^e^ reasons therein perticularly Exprest.

I am Yo^r^ hum^l^ Servant

S PHIPS

To the Hon^ble^ JONATH^N^ LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Copy & Letter from L Gov^r^ Phipps Aug^st^ 26^th^ & 7^br^ 4^th^ 1745

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG 27^th^ Aug^t^ 1745.

Honourable Sr

After Congratulating your hon^r^ on the happy Issue of his Majest^s^ Arms in the reduction of this Strong fortress a Plan of which Shall send your Hon^r^ er'e long; have to mention to your hon^r^ that as the Place from our first taking Possession will undoubtedly be taken into his Majest^s^ Jurisdiction, tho't propper to mention it to y^r^ hon^r^ that there Should be Some Settled allowance for the Souldiers that belong to the Goverm^t^ under your honr^s^ care; for heretofore there has been nothing done by the Goverm^t^ in that respect, and it has made some considerable difficulty; and it now seems to be nesscesary as Gov^r^ Shirley is now here Suppose it will be determined very soon what our Quota of men will be for

the winter, and also what Qt^s^ of Stores will be needed for them; I have been out of rum and bread Some time, the bread Sent last was considerable part of it spoild, have purchasd Some french flour, and Sett bakers to work which Serves for the present, have purchas'd also severall hh^ds^ rum for wc^h^ have drawn on the Treasurer, also ab^t^ 120£ value of fresh Stock, they being Very sickley and that owing I Imagine to Salt Provisions, and the badness of the water. As Soon as I can have aff^r^ Settled here for the winter I trust you^r^ Hon^r^ will allow me to depute Some capable person to act in my behalf, that I may return home for a little respit; for I'me almost worn out with a constant hurry of business.

I am with the truest Esteem your Hon^rs^ most Dutifull and most Oblig'd Hum Ser^t^

J. MILLER

To the Hon^bl^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Superscribed] To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq Govn^r^ of his Majesties Colony of Connecticut In New England

[Indorsed] Com^sary^ Miller Aug^st^ 27 1745

GIDEON WANTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEWPORT the 27^th^ august 1745

*S^r^*

I Received your letter Concerning our apointing a Maj^r^ for a Rigment att cape Breton and Laid itt before our Assembley but they did nothing about itt So that in as much as our Three Companis are Recd: there already by a Councell of warr as part of the army but in which Rigment I Can not tell but I wrote to the Hon^le^ Generall Peprill when

they went to Desire him that they mought be aded to maiger Gen[l] Woolcots Rigment; and our Assembley is ajorned to the fourth Tusday in Sep[r] So that I beleive we shall only furnish our Three Companies with Provisons and Stores Nesaciry for them if they Stay all winter.

As to m[r] Robinsons or Brentons bringing on Any Reveiws I Know nothing about but itt will be best for you to be Ready for we have Concluded to heare all the causes as they Stand on the file in Course without Sciping any; with my Regards to your Honer

I am your
Humble Servant
GID[N] WANTON

[Superscribed] To the Hon[ble] JONATHAN LAW Esq[r] Gov[r] In New Haven

[Indorsed] Gov[r] Wantons Aug[st] 27[th] 1745

MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Att a Meeting of y[e] Gov[r] & Council of his Majestys Colony of Connecticut in New England at N: Haven August 29 A:D:1745

Present

The Hon[le] JONATHAN LAW Esq[r] Gov[r]
The Hon[le] ROGER WOLCUT Esq[r] Deputy Gov[r]

JAMES WADSWORTH Esq[r]
JOSEPH WHITEING Esq[r]
W[M] PITKIN Esq[r]
THO[S] FITCH Esq[r] } Assist[ns]
ROGER NEWTON Esq[r]
EBEN[R] SILLIMAN Esq[r]
JOHN BULKLY Esq[r]

His Hon^{r} y^{e} Gov^{r} haveing Laid before this board a Letter from his Excellency G Clinton Esq^{r} Gov^{r} of New York with Sundry other papers from s^{d} Gov^{r} Clinton representing y^{e} wavering and unsettled State and temper of y^{e} Six nations of Indians now in friendship with His Majesty's Subjects in America thrô y^{e} Artifices and Intrigues of y^{e} subjects of y^{e} french King informing also of y^{e} Appointment of a meeting of Commissioners at Albany on y^{e} 4th Day of October next to confer with y^{e} s^{d} Indians in order to Settle and fix y^{m} in y^{e} English Interest desireing y^{t} Commissioners may be sent from this Colony to Attend s^{d} Meeting

Whereupon this board do defire and Appoint y^{e} Hon^{le} Roger Wolcut Esq^{r} and Nath^{ll} Stanly Esq^{r} to Attend that Service and they are directed and impowered to draw out of y^{e} publick Treasury of this Colony Such Sums of money as they Shall Judge necessary for s^{d} Service

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG Aug^{t} 30th 1745

Sir,

His Majesty's Service upon several Accounts requiring my Presence here a few Weeks for securing our new Acquisition 'till his Majesty shall have an Opportunity of taking it into his own Protection, I set sail in his Majesty's Ship Hector, from Nantasket, on Saturday night was three Weeks, and arrived here on Fryday Evening was se'n night, where I have been endeavouring in the best manner I can to settle the State of the Land Forces, and to act for the Interest of the common Cause of the Colonies concerned in the Expedition in every Respect: concerning which I

must refer you for a more particular Account to Col: Burr, who now carries home upwards of Ninety of the Soldiers, in the pay of your Government. Upon looking into the State of the Massachusetts and Connecticut Troops, I find it to stand thus, The Massachusetts Government sent into the Service of the Expedition, upon the first Enlistment, including the Train of Artillery, and Workmen, thirty three hundred men, of which twelve hundred and thirty eight are returned home, ninety five are killed, and fifty seven dyed natural Deaths, so that of those Soldiers these remain here Nineteen hundred and twelve, since which Enlistment the Massachusetts Government have voted a thousand Men more to be raised for the Service, of which about seven hundred are actually raised and arrived at Louisbourg, so that there are in the whole, twenty six hundred Massachusetts Troops now upon Duty, within the Garrison and Batteries here, and the remaining three hundred are now raising with the utmost Dispatch to compleat the last thousand, and relieve some more of the Massachusetts Troops

Your Government, Sir, sent hither upon the first Enlistment, five hundred Soldiers, of which three hundred and one, including the Ninety One now sent by Col. Burr, are returned home, four have dyed natural Deaths, and none have been killed, so that of those five hundred, One hundred & ninety five are now remaining here, since which first Enlistment Two hundred more Troops have been raised and sent hither from your Government, and three hundred and Ninety two Connecticut Troops, in the whole, are now upon Duty within this Garrison and Batteries here, besides which your Government have voted three hundred more to be raised.

By this Account your Honour will perceive that the Quota of your Government, in proportion to that of the Massachusetts Bay, according to the several Levies raised and voted to be raised by each Government, for the Service of the Expedition. is as One thousand to four thousand & three hundred, and how much larger a proportion of the Connecticut Troops of the first Enlistment have been dismised than of those of the Massachusetts Government upon the same Enlistment, and how much larger a part of the Quota of the Massachusetts Troops raised, & voted to be raised, is upon Duty here than of the Quota of your Government; upon which I doubt not but your Honour will observe my own and the General's Disposition to do full Justice to the Troops of your Government, and that you will, without the least Delay, proceed to compleat the Levies last voted to be raised by your Assembly, and that your Government will continue to act in concert with that of the Massachusetts Bay, with the same Vigour, at least, that you have hitherto done for the common Cause.

The Preservation of this invaluable Acquisition 'till his Majesty can have an Opportunity of taking it into his Protection, upon which I esteem the prosperity of New England chiefly depends, is as necessary as the Reduction of the place it self or even more so; for it would have been better for us not to have reduced it, than to lose it again to the Enemy; and as from the Engagements of his Majesty in Europe, in support of the common Cause against the Enemy, it seems very possible that no Troops may arrive from Great Brittain for the protection of this place, 'till the latter End of May or beginning of June, before which Time we must expect the Enemy will push both from Canada and France, in the most vigorous Manner, for

the Recovery of it from us, if they don't do it before the End of this Fall (which is not impossible) it behooves us to keep the strictest Guard at present; and for my own part I shall look upon the place as lost, if when that happens, whilst the Land Side of this Fortress is under the same Circumstances it is now in, we have not four thousand men at least, for the Defence of the Fortifications and Batteries, the former of which are so extensive that no Sallies can be expected to be made against the Besiegers, whilst they are carrying on their Works against the Town with a less number, and without doing which We have had sufficient Experience of the fatal Consequences of it to the Enemy; and it shall be my utmost Endeavour to procure that Complement of Troops for this Service by the middle of March at furthest, and keep as strong a Garrison here in the mean Time against all Events, as I can: For I depend upon some sudden Attempt to surprize us, at least by a large Body of French and Indians from Canada, supported by an Embarkation of Artillery, Warlike Stores, and provisions from France, to meet them here, with some few Troops from thence, and a Number of Officers about that Time: And as I think it not improbable that S^{t} John's Island, will be the place of Rendevous for the Enemy, in such Case, and in all Attempts from Canada, and a place of Resort for the neighbouring Indians, I shall take Measures, immediately for clearing that Island of the French (who have sent Deputies hither with offers to take the Oaths of Allegiance to his Majesty, and a petition that they may be permitted to remain there as Subjects of Great Brittain) and to burn all the Houses and other Buildings, w^{ch} will require a Body of three or four hundred Troops, and two armd Vessells, at

least, to do it without Danger of being surprized by the Enemy.

Col. Burr will inform you of the Necessity of providing proper Cloaths of all Kinds, and some Watch Coats for your Troops with the utmost Expedition, and twelve months provisions, being the same Quantity voted to be provided for the Troops of the Massachusetts.

I am endeavouring to have the Works put into the best Repairs, they will admit of at present, Materials for that purpose being Ordered to be bought, for that purpose, by the Massachusetts Committee of War, and the Workmen to be paid; and to get the Barracks and Houses well fitted up, for the comfortable Reception of the Soldiers, and a Quantity of Fuel Sufficient not only for the Winter, but to last in the Spring against any Surprize.

Upon the first Arrival of his Majesty's Commands from Great Brittain, you shall be apprized of them; And I shall during my Stay here do every Thing in my power for the common Service; as I shall upon my Return to Boston, which I design shall be in about three Weeks, and I doubt not of your Governments acting, in Conjunction with that of the Massachusetts Bay, with the same Spirit for his majesty's Service and the Interest of New England, with which it has hitherto done; and if my good Offices may be at any time of Service to the Colony of Connecticut, I shall most readily employ them.

I am wth great Respect Sir,

Your Honour's Obed^{t}

Humble fervant

W SHIRLEY

Col. Burr will inform you of the Intelligence we have had of an Armament of French Ships being

bound hither, and the Commodore's keeping his Heavy Sheeps in this Harbour on that acct.

[Indorsed] Gover^{r} Shirleys Letter of y^{e} 30th of August 1745 from Lewisbourgh

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

MILFORD Sept^{br} 1. 1745

S^{r}

I herewith send you an Address to y^{e} Duke of New Castle humbly asking his favour Particularly in presenting to his Maj^{ty} an Address of the Gov^{r} and Company of this Colony on this happy Occasion of the Reduction of the City and fortresses of Louisburg and Territories y^{r} unto belonging to the Obedience of his Maj^{ty} of great Britain in w^{ch} they were engagd in Conjunction with some of the neighbouring Provinces and some of his Maj^{ties} Shipps of Warr for the Defence whereof we have agreed to furnish 350 men till the first of June next if his Maj^{tys} Pleasure be not sooner known.

I have Acc^{ts} from y^{e} Gov^{r} of N. York from Canada via Albany That the Gov^{r} of Canady has prevaild with all Canada Indians to take up the Hatchett against us and with the six Nations to take it into Consideration, who have carryd with them the Belt of Wampom with the figure of an Hatchett in it and are to give him their Answer att a Gen^{l} Council att Onandago. Gov^{r} Clinton has appointed a Meeting att Albany on y^{e} 4th of Octob^{r} and askd for Com^{rs} from several other Gov^{ts} to assist him in endeavouring to recall them from the Revolt they are so strongly solicited to. at the last Meeting they could be perswaded no further than to engage in a Neutrality. Com^{rs} are here appointed for that Congress.

The Massathusetts have proclaimd Warr against y^e^ Canada Indians the Penobscutts Norrigiwalks and from y^r^ most Western Blockhouse near Hooseck to Crown point. 'tis to be feard we shall be much involv'd our Dependance is only on him who has shown us his Salvation

I also herewith send you a Coppy of my Letter of Nov^br^ 1744 w^th^ which I sent you y^e^ Judgment proceedings and pleas in Masons Case by Cap^t^ Craiggs, who was taken and retaken and carryd into Gernsey or Jersy y^e^ same day your last Letter I rec^d^ bore Date hope they might come safe to your hands notwithstanding that Misfortune yet propose by y^e^ next Opportunity to send you another Copy of y^e^ Com^rs^ Book &c w^ch^ is almost finished.

Yours of the 14^th^ July 1744 together with the worthy D^r^ Averies and y^e^ Advice of the Com^tee^ w^ch^ I gratefully acknowledge and am very thankfull for, I communicated it to our Assembly, what of Heat y^r^ might have been is much abated and hope we are become temperate.

Your two years Psallery was sent to your Order and the same was granted to you the last May

Not doubting S^r^ in the least of your exerting yourself to the Uttmost in every thing which concerns us nor of the Doct^r's^ and Gentlemen of the Com^tee's^ adding y^r^ Weight in our favour

I Subscribe
Your very humble
obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

To ELIAKIM PALMER Esq^r^.

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Agent Palmer Sep^br^ 1^st^ 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO SPENCER PHIPS.

MILFORD Septembr 4th 1745

Sir

Yours of the 26th of the last month I recd and have sent a Copy of it with the Inclosed to the Council and Comtee of Warr.

On a motion from Govr Clinton I called my Council and have appointed Comrs to Joyn him & Comrs from other Govts to treat with the Six Nations in Danger of a Revolt to the French desire you would inform me of your uniting in that Undertaking.

I Subscribe
Your faithfull
and Humble Servant
JONTH LAW

To ye honble S. PHIPPS Esqr

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Sepr 4th 1745

Sr

This Coms by Lt Petebone who served in Capt Churchs Company in the Expedition and is willing to serve in the Garrisen in the same post I take it to be according to the Act of the Assembly and to reasen that those in the Expedition that are willing to serve in Garasening the Town should be Admitted I therefore Recomend him to you to be Comissonatd if there be Room for him and Am
your Honrs
very Humble servt
R. WOLCOTT

To the Honable JONATH LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD Sep^{t} 6 1745

S^{r}

This comes to acknowledge the Rec^{t} of yours of y^{e} 24th of the last month and to inform you That I did forthwith call a Council and appoint two Gentlemen, the same who mett your Excellency att Albany on the last like Occasion: And that I shall expect to know of you what other Gov^{ts} come into the Proposal and your Preparations to proceed accordingly. The time for the grand Council att Onandago is not hinted. When the Stead is stolen its too late to shutt the Stable door.

Deus avertat Omen is the Prayer of Your Excellencies

most humble and
obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

Gov^{r} CLINTON

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Septem 9. 1745

Sir

I have received your Honour's Letter of the 4th Instant. As to the Affair of the Meeting of Commissioners at Albany to treat with the six Nations, I make no Question but that this Governm^{t} will join in the Interveiw, which I apprehend to be of the utmost Importance to these Colonies, but we can do nothing without the General Assembly who will not meet till the 25th instant, when I shall lay this Matter before them & endeavour to give it the utmost Dispatch

I am Sir
Y^{r} Honour's most obed^{t}
hum^{le} Servant
S PHIPS

The Hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 9th Sepr 1745

Sir

I have yours of the 6th inst, acquainting me that the Gentlemen, who were last year at Albany, are appointed to attend my Interview with the Indians the [ ] of next Month, being the day I propose to meet them, and for that End I shall set out From hence the 24th or 25th of this Month at farthest

I have wrote to the several Governments to the Southward upon this occasion, and have Answers From most of them, that they will do their Endeavours to obtain Delegates For the like purpose, and I do expect them accordingly, as also From Boston & New Hampshire

It was not known what day was appointed For the Council at Onondage Castle, and I hope they will defer that Affair 'til after my Interview, and it is most likely they will, when they hear of my Invitation.

I am Sir
Your very humble
Servant
G. CLINTON

The Honble JONN LAW Esqr.

[Superscribed] on His Majesty's service To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govr of Connecticut at Milford N Y 2dwt

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG Septr the 13th 1745

Honourable Sir

Your favour of the 21st of Last month I Receiv'd and Return you my hearty thanks for your kind

Expressions and do assure you that in all Representations to His Majesty in behalf of the Army, I have made no difference in any Colony that had Troops in the Expedition, neither did I in the Ordering any Duty to them, For as I was placed at the Head of them I Endeavoured as much as in me lay, to assign each Regiment their proportionable part of Duty, and I Can truly say I have a great Value for all those brave Men, who Freely Ventured their Lives with me for the Honour of His Majestys Arms and the good of our Nation, and do Think They are entituled to His Majesty's Favour, and I hope our Country will not forget us.

I Observe what you are pleasd to Mention of the Resolve of your Government to Support the Garrison here with Three hundred and fifty Effective men; should have been glad if they had Continued the first number they Raised.

Last Week we had brought into this port, by a Cruizing Sloop, belonging to the Massachusetts Bay, a Ship bound from South Carolina to London, who was taken by Seven Sail of French Men of War, bound here, to raise our Siege, which they ordered here and by that means, we retook her, They give a further Account that there was six more sail Coming From Brest to Joyn them. We are getting in good Readiness to receive them if they Come here, but we are in great Fear they will attack Annapolis Royal, if should hear of that, Commodore Warren will immediately take all the Ships to go to their Assistance, and we must then Assist them with some men from the Troops ashore, for a small Time and in as much as the Number of Effective men from your Colony will not exceed Three hundred and fifty Cannot Think it was your intent to let them Leave this Garrison untill

you Send a Number to Supply their places, neither Can I think it adviseable at this Time, but as soon as the Number, your Colony has Voted arrives, these will be Discharg'd. Cannot be determined at present about Capt Prentice because His Excellency Governour Shirley don't know but his Majesty's 'special Service will require his being detain'd here Longer. I am with Great regard

Honorble Sr
Your Most obedt Humble servt
WM PEPPERRELL

The Honble Jona Law Esqr

[Superscribed] On his Majstys Service To The Honourble Jona Law Esqr Govr of the Colony of Connecticut Att New Haven

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

Louisbourg September 14th: 1745

Sir

I have the honour of your obliging favour, Dated the 21st August, and am very glad to find your Assembly so well Spirited, for supporting this Glorious Conquest, which will in all human probability be the greatest blessing that cou'd have befallen our Collonys, and even our Mother Country, as it will be the means under God of securing to our Posterity on the Continent, all their Civil and Religious Rights, and of encreasing greatly their Trade, and that of Great Britain in general.

As to your Quota of Troops for the support of this Garrison, in conjunction with the other Collonys, who have with a most becoming Zeal carry'd on with so much success this great expedition, I must beg to be excus'd from giving my opinion, being no Judge

of it, and having no thing to do with the conduct of the Troops, then to wish them allways well; you will no doubt be better inform'd on that head, by their Commanding Officer here, but I am so very anxious for the security of an acquisition that I am perswaded is the greatest that cou'd have been added to his Majesty's Dominions in general, and to those on the continent in particular, that I hope the Collonys who deserve the highest favour from their King and Country, will continue to support this Conquest, till an ample provision can be made for its security by his Majesty, who will no doubt reimburse the Collonys the extraordinary expence they have been, and may be at.

Nothing in my power shall be wanting to Solicit their service, and indeed I look upon my self as an American, and hope to pass the remainder of my days in New York with great Tranquility, and in the esteem of those whose service led me upon this expedition.

I beg you will do me the favour to assure your Legislature, that on my arrival in England, I will please God represent to His Majesty the Love & Loyalty of his American Subjects, then whom tis my Sincere opinion, he has none that he may more fecurely rely on.

I am with great regard Sir
Yr Most Obedient humble Servant
P WARREN

As I expect to leave these Seas Ere long you'l please to address for the return of Captain Prentice, and on any future service to the Commanding Officer of this Garrison, The greatest danger of it I apprehend will be from the latter end of February, 'till

May, or June, and to be sure 'till that time, or till succours arrive from England, the Collonys shou'd not keep less then four, or five thousand Men, to support it,

I am
Y^rs as before
P WARREN.

Hon^ble JONATHAN LAW Esq^re

[Indorsed] Comadore Warren 7^br 14 1745

SIMON LOTHROP TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBURGE y^e 16^th Sep^t 1745

S^r

May it pleafe your Hono^r

Yours of y^e 21^st August I Recd, Delivered yor letters, & observed your orders directing me to Draw of our Troops ye Guerd sloop & Transports Emeadiatly I applyed myself to y^e Govor^er & Gener^l Sherly, but they haveing Inteligence of a ffrench Squadron Coming to this place by a ship from Carolina taken in her passage to London & Sent her Retaken by one of our Vesels, they would not Suffer Cap^t Prentis to go away, Nor would they suffer aney of y^e Land forces to go only what was above y^e 350 & we have but 14 above that Nomber hear Excep^t those y^t Co^ll Bur had got a permition for to Return on Bord Cap^t. Bull as unfit for busness & y^e Remaining 14 y^e Doctor had Drafted out as sick, So we had then Left but 319 Efective men according to ye Severl Lists sent to me by ye officers of ye Seaver^ll Componeys, as you may se by y^e Inclosed lists since which sundry have bin taken sick & Lu^t Torey Dyed y^e last night None wil Inlist to fill up Cap^t ffitches & Cap^t Chapmons Companeys, & none

of y^e^ Soulders will List to stay heer but upon Condition abough sixty men have given In their names to stay some if they may have y^e^ Choice of their head officr & Recieve a bounty of £12 & 1 months advance pay others if the May have as big a bounty as wil Cost to transport men hear, Most of our officers Considering how late it is likely to be before we Can be Released are willing to stay until June Next, & have made their minds known to me Myself Maj^r^ Goodrich, Cap^t^ Daniel Chapmon L^t^ William Throop Ens Whiting Sarj^t^ Jonthan Hall Lu^t^ David Sebery, Lu^t^ Jonathan Read, Ens^n^ John Darling Serg^t^ Nothaniel Lothrop Sar^t^ Joseph Whiting Sarg^t^ John Hallibert. I Signifyed my mind to y^e^ men that if our Recruiting Troops was Not Raised until you Could have a Return from hear it was likely to be worse for them to go home being so poorly Cloathed than to Stay hear, but they Expected Recruits in season, our Men are Sickly & as it were Naked and if Special Care is not taken to provid for them, Suitabel Beads and Beding & Cloathing it appears to me to be Morally Imposabel but thay will suffer Excedingly & y^e^ most Dye by y^e^ Extremity of y^e^ Winter season, and y^e^ Sick men Returning home In Cold weather wil want Clothing to keep y^m^ from perishing, I Cannot bare the thoughts to see those that have Chearfully Shared with me in y^e^ featgues of a Long Campayn, to lye suffer and Dye for wont of that which Cannot be had hear, but is at home & they deniged to come for, Suffer me Sr to Intreet your Honou^r^ to give Special orders y^t^ Sufficen Clothing be provided, & if we might have flower Insted of Bread would be much y^e^ best I shal at all times Chearfully attend your Orders, & Rest Satisfyed in your Hono^rs^ Wisdom & Integrity to Incorige y^e^ officers &c being willing to

stay hear who Expect Commisions according to y^e^ Incorigment In yo^r^ Letter So with my humb^l^ Regards to you Rest Sr your Honor^s^ humb^l^ Sev^t^

SIMON LOTHROP

To The Honor^l^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^
att Millford.

P S S^r^ Sarg^t^ Nathaniel Lothrop Eldest of Cap^t^ Denisons Serg^ts^ hath Served In y^e^ place of Ens since sometime in April when y^e^ Ens^n^ of y^t^ Company was Dismised & I think it a point of Justice he Should have that Comesin of y^e^ date w^n^ he feled up y^e^ place I Submit it to your Honor

S LOTHROP

LOUISBURGE y^e^ 19^th^ Sep^r^ 1745

*S^r^*

Yesterday the Gov^r^ told me he had Concluded to Send Capt Prentis home but I understand he is ordred to Boston which I fear will Lengthen his Voige, but if I Can posebely hinde his going to Boston I wil Cap^t^ Prentise has lost 24 of his men & he tells me he has not above Ten men fit for Duty & his Exelency Says I must Suply him with men & your Hon^r^ by y^e^ acc^t^ Inclosed wil se they must Come out of y^e^ 350 men appointed to gerrison hear, I trust there is abought Thirty or fourty that have signifyed there willingns to Tarrey heer depending on y^e^ Hono^r^ of y^e^ govermen I expected their Names al to be prought in but y^e^ Vesel being just a going I Could not waite, Cap^t^ Chapmon Can give a perticler acc^t^ of y^e^ Minds of y^e^ men himself I am Sr your Honours very humbel Ser^t^

SIMON LOTHROP

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Lothrops Sept^br^ 16 1745 and List of Souldiers

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD 7br 17th 1745

S^{r}

Coll^{l} Burr was with me Yesterday and on his Information I direct you to fill up forthwith two blank Comissions w^{ch} I here inclose to you one to Henry King first Lieu^{t} to Coll^{l} Symon Lothropps Company and the other to Lieu^{t} Will^{m} Smithson first Lieu^{t} to Lieu^{t} Coll^{l} Goodrich's Company as also Blanks for Proclamations setting forth the Encouragements given by the Assembly for enlisting the 150 Voluntiers to Garison the Town and fortresses of Louisburg lately Surrenderd by the ffrench to the King of great Brittain As also an Order to the Treasurer to deliver out to these two Lieu^{ts} the one months pay according to the former Establishment for the Enlistment of the 150 Voluntiers.

There will be no Occasion for putting any into Office who are not already in our Service and I shall direct you about y^{r} new Comifsions

The Variation from the formar Comissions will be Symon Lothrop instead of Andrew Burr and instead of In an Expedition against his Maj^{tes} Enemies, In Garisoning his Maj^{ties} fortresses and Town of Louisburg leaving out the words (and parts adjacent)

Prepare these two Com^{ns} and the Proclamations with the uttmost Dispatch That this Express may carry them to those Officers and I may know by him y^{r} Acceptance

JONTH LAW

To M^{r} Secr^{t}y WYLLIS

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to M^{r} Secr^{t}y Wyllis Sept 17th 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO JOHN WHITING.

To Coll[l] John Whiting Treasurer

The Assembly att y[r] Session att N Haven on y[e] 16[th] of August last passt having granted the same Wages to Officers and Soulders as was given to the first Enlisters on the Cape Breton Expedition and for their Encouragement Orderd one month's pay to be made on their Enlistment to one hundred and fifty men and another months pay before Imbarcation

You are hereby Orderd to pay out to Lieu[t] Henry King and Lieu[t] Will[m] Smithson y[e] Sum of being y[e] one months pay for y[m]selves as Lieu[ts] and one hundred and fifty Voluntiers taking their Receits for the same

Given under my hand this 17[th] of Sept[br] 1745 att MILFORD

JON[TH] LAW GOV[R]

JONATHAN LAW TO HENRY KING AND WILLIAM SMITHSON.

MILFORD Sep[t] 17 1745

Gentlemen

As I am informd by Coll[l] Burr You are willing to serve your King and Countrey in defending the Town and fortress of Louisburg lately acquird against his Maj[ties] french and other enemies Pursuant to the Orders of this Gov[t] I send you Comissions and direct and order you imediatly to proceed to the Enlistment of one hundred and fifty able bodyed men as Voluntiers for that Service I have sent an Order to the Treasurer to furnish you with money according to y[e] order of the Assembly, and taking with you the Proclamations for Encouragement. You are to proceed forthwith to such places and in such maner as you

shall learn to be most likely to obtain y^e^ end proposd and so I bid you God Speed

JON^TH^ LAW

To Lieu^t^ HENRY KING and Lieu^t^ WILL^M^ SMITHSON and either of you.

SAMUEL WELLES TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

BOSTON, Sept^r^ 18. 1745

Hon^ble^ Sir,

Yours I Rec^d^ by M^r^ Butler, & have sent it forward by a Sloop bound to White haven in the North west part of England, the safest passage by much of any to England without a Convoy, which there is not likely to be a great while, I would have Sent it to London, but it is or Judged much more dangerous, a Post goes every week from White haven to London, I have heard nothing from M^r^ Kilby, in his last he assured me he was & should be doing all he could in M^rs^ New Bury's affair, if your Packet be of Consequence it will be best to send a duplicate as soon as you can, I shall soon send it, if it be under my care I am with a very Sincere regard

Y^r^ most Hum^le^ Ser^nt^

SAMUEL WELLES

Gov^r^ WOLCOT

[Superscribed] To The Honourable ROGER WOLCOT Esq In Winsor By M^r^ Buller

[Indorsed] M^r^ Wells Sep^r^ 1745

FITCH AND PARISH TO JONATHAN LAW.

To the Honorable Jonathan Law Esq: Govenour in Chief over His Majesty Colony in Connecticut in New gland may it please your Excellency as you

Have appointed us viz Adonijah Fitch and Ephraim parish to inlist a Certain number of indian Soldiers for the Expedition at Cap Briton which according to your Command we have Done and Landed at Cape Briton: But Since wee have Been here improved them in fetching of Wood and other neccessaryes for the Soldiers But for some Little they Have Had no Business But to Keep Garrison Since that they are Very Quarelsome getting Drunk Quareling with the Soldiers and are But Little or Profit: But wee feare what the Event of their Being here Will Be.

Therefore Wee your Humble pettioners would intreat that it may plese your Excellency to Send for these Indians as soon Can Be with Convenience and other Soldiers in their Room Since your Excellency has Been pleased to order us to Winter here. Wee there Subscrib your Excelency Humble servants and Pettitioners

ADONIJAH FITCH
EPHRAIM PARISH

LOUISBOURG Sept 19: 1745.

P. S. the Indians are unesy Being here and thaye Desred me to Send them as soon a May Be: my Indians are in number fifteen A F

P S my Indians are also very uneasy and thave Desired me to Send them Home they are in Number Eigth E P

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

LOUISBOURG Sept^r 20^th 1745

Honour^ble S^r

it is a great pleasure to heare that you are Saffe arriv^d with yo^r agreable family and Like to recover yo^r health, w^ch I hope God will Long preserve, I

Should have ben glad to had a line or two from you to have known how you found our Friends in New England & what passage you had

here is no News only that we heard there was two Squadrons of Frinch men of Warr bound to this place Seven in one Squadron & nine in y^e^ other; I had rather they should come here than goo to the westward of it, because I trust we are here in reddyness for them

I want now to return to New England but cannot at present get Liberty, as nothing would have induced me to com here but y^e^ good of my Countery so nothing Else would perswade me to tarey, I dont know but must be Obliged to tarey here this Winter, I Shall be glad to Serve you or any Friend of yours and with best respects I am

Honour^ble^ S^r^
Your Affectionate Friend
& Very Hum^ble^ Serv^t^
W^M^ PEPPERRELL

[Superscribed] To The Honour^ble^ Maj^r^ Gener^l^ Wolcott Att Connedicut

[Indorsed] S^r^ William Peperill Sep^r^ 20 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO THE COMMISSARIES.

To Messieurs Eben^r^ Sylliman, John Hubbard, Gurdon Saltonstall and Jabez Hamlin Esq^rs^ Comissaries

Thefe are to inform you That I have sent forth Comissions and Orders for the Enlisting 150 Voluntiers for garrisoning of Louisburge with the 200 w^ch^ are to be retained there of those who are already at the place and that until the first of June next unless his Maj^tles^ pleasure be sooner known whom you are to provide for y^m^ as the Act of Assembly dos direct.

I must also Inform you That in Answer to what I was desird to write to Lieut Gov^r Phipps, he writes to me That our men will be subsisted in the same manner with the forces from that Province according to the establisht Allowance of Provisions out of what comes from the Western Gov^ts as well as what is sent ℔ this Goverments the whole of Provisions sent ℔ the several Gov^ts is in one joynt Stock for the whole of the number of men returnd in the Service att Louisburg untill June next

Given under my hand att MILFORD this 23^d of Sept^br 1745

JON^TH LAW

[Indorsed] Order to the Comissaries Sept 23^d 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD Sept^br 23^d 1745

S^r

Cap^t King refusing a Lieu^ts Comission and the Maj^r Gen^l having recomended to me Sam^l Pettibon as a suitable person to be continued in the Service and he having moved to me for a Com^n I now send to you Kings Comission and desire you to take out Kings name and putt in Pettibon's and send to him a Proclamation. King not having returnd to me y^e Proclamation you sent to him.

JON^TH LAW

To GEORGE WYLLIS Esq^r Secry

JONATHAN LAW TO JOHN WHITING.

To Coll^l John Whiting Esq^r Treasurer

If you have not deliverd out to Lieu^t Smithson y^e whole of y^e money orderd to be paid on y^e Enlisting of 150 Voluntiers for garrisoning Louisburg

deliver y^e^ one half of it to Lieu^t^ Sam^l^ Pettibon on his shewing to you his new Com^n^ or so much of y^e^ one months pay as you have not deliverd to Smithson. King tells me he has not rec^d^ any part of it

Given under my hand att MILFORD this 23^d^ of Septemb^r^ 1745

JON^TH^ LAW GOV^R^

[Indorsed] Order to M^r^ Treasurer and Secry 7^br^ 23 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO SAMUEL PETTIBONE.

S^r^

I herewith send to you a Lieu^t^'s Comission and direct you to take with you a Proclamation issued forth for y^e^ Encouragement of 150 Voluntiers to enlist for garrisoning Louisburg and you are together with Lieu^t^ Smithson to receive of the Treasurer the one months pay for enlisting (and y^e^ other months pay to be made before Embarcation I shall give Order for) and you are with all Expedition to proceed to such places and in such maner as you shall learn to be most likely to answer the end proposed

Given under my hand att MILFORD this 23^d^ day of Septemb^r^ 1745

JON^TH^ LAW GOV^R^

To Lieu^t^ SAM^L^ PETIBON

[Indorsed] Order to Lieu^t^ Pettebon Sep^t^ 23 1745

RHODE ISLAND ACT.

At a General Assembly of his Majesty's Colony of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations in New England held by Adjournment at Newport within and for the Colony aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday in September being the Twenty fourth Day

of said Month, in the Nineteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign George the Second King of Great Britain &c Annoq. Dom. 1745.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony did take into Consideration several Letters received from the Hon^ble^ Jonathan Law Esq Governour of the Colony of Connecticut respecting some Counterfeit Plates for impressing Bills in Imitation of the Bills of Publick Credit of this Colony, and the Persons concerned therein, requesting a Reward to Those who made a discovery thereof, And as our Bills of Publick Credit pass in the other Governments in New England equal to those emitted by said Governments, and They having penal Laws for punishing Persons counterfeiting the Bills of this Colony in the Same Manner as for counterfeiting their Own. It is therefore the Opinion of this General Assembly, That all Charges arising on prosecuting & Convicting Persons guilty of the aforesaid Crimes, Should be paid by the Government where such Crimes are perpetrated: And thereupon it is voted and resolved, That his Honour the Governour write to the aforesaid Governour Law informing Him of this Result, And that this Government have frequently been at the Expence of prosecuting Offenders that have been accused of Making and uttering Bills of the neighbouring Governments.

True Copy as appears of Record
Teste JAS MARTIN Secry.

SIMON LOTHROP TO JOHN PRENTIS.

Cap^t^ John Printice

Sr having Recd an Order from y^e^ Hona^le^ Jonathan Law Esq^r^ Covor^r^ of y^e^ Colony of Connecticutt,

to Draw off and send home y^e^ Colony Sloop Defence Now under your Comand, you are therefore hereby directed and ordered to take y^e^ first fair wind and weather and make y^e^ best of your way with s^d^ Sloop to Newlondon.

SIMON LOTHROP

Dated at LOUISBURGE y^e^ 28^th^ Sep^r^ 1745

CONNECTICUT OFFICERS AT LOUISBURG.

A List of the Officers, in the Connecticut Regi^t^ment, Under the Command of Lieut^t^ General Pepperrell, at the Reduction of Louisbourg, & Territories Depending, to the Obedience of his Britannick Majesty, & Garrison'd y^e^ same untill Reliev'd by the British Troops.

Officers Names	Quality	Time of Entring into the Service	When Preferr'd or Died.	When Return'd to New England
Simon Lothrop	Lieut^t^ Col^o^	March 1, 1744	1745.	1746
	Colonel.		Octob^r^: 29	July 1^st^
Elizer Goodrich	Capt^n^	March 1^st^, 1744		
	Major		June 3,	
	Lieu^t^ Col^o^		Octo^r^ 29,	July 1
Daniel Chapman	Capt^n^	March 16, 1744		
	Major		Octob^r^: 29,	July 1
Adonijah Fitch	Capt^n^	May 30		July 1^st^
Samuel Chapman	D^o^	May 30	Jan^ry^ 15, died	
David Seabury	D^o^	Decem^r^ 7		July 1^st^
William Throop	D^o^	Jan^ry^ 16, 1745.	May 4, 1746, died	
William Throop	Lieut^t^	March 16, 1744.	Jan^ry^ 15,	1746
David Seabury	D^o^	16,	Decem^r^ 6,	July 1^st^
William Smithson	D^o^	16,		July 1^st^
Samuel Pettybone		June 14, 1745.		July 1^st^
Jonathan Read	D^o^	June 14, 1745		July 1^st^

Officers Names	Quality	Time of Entring into the Service	When Preferr'd or Died	When Return'd to New England
Nathan Whiting	Ensign	March 16, 1744.	Decem^{r} 8.	July 1st
John Darling	D^{o}	16,	6.	July 1
Jabez Barlow	Lieut^{t}	May 30.		July 1st
John Parker	Ensign	30,	May 17, 1746, died.	
John Darling	Lieut^{t}	Decem^{r} 7,		July 1st
Nathan Whiting	D^{o}	9,		July 1
	Lieut^{t} in Col^{o}: Pepperrell's Regiment.			
Nath^{l} Lothrop	D^{o}	12,		July 1st
John Hurlburt	D^{o}	12,		July 1st
Norman Morrison	D^{o}	13,		July 1st
Zacheus Hoble	Ensign	Feb^{ry} 3,		July 1st
Samuel Gaylord	D^{o}	4,		July 1st
John Darling	Adjutant	March 14, 1744		July 1st,
Simon Backus	Chaplain		March 15, 1745. Died	

Thease may Certify, That the Gentlemen, whose Names are Contained in the above List, were Officers in the New England Army, under my Command at the Reduction of Louisbourg, to the Obedience of y^{e} King of Great Britain, & Served in the Capacities as above Specified, And Garrison'd said Louisbourg, untill Relievd by the British Troops.

W^{M} PEPPERRELL

Boston New England April 26, 1748

NATHAN WHITING'S LIST OF SOLDIERS.

COMMISSARYS BOOK*

Serg^{t} Eliakim Mather	
Serg^{t} Jn^{o} Stow	
Cor^{l} Jn^{o} Tryen (?)	Dismist Oct^{r} 9th 1745
W^{m} Dilling	
Jonth Durix	

A List of The officers & Men In the Connecticutt Regiment & the State of the Regiment When M^{r} Miller Left The Care of The Stores with me & gave me A Power of Atorney to act as Commisary of The Stores And Muster rols

Col^{o}. Simon Lothrop Maj^{r} Elizur Gutrich

1 Company

Jn^{o} Halbut Serj^{t} Advanc^{d} Dec^{r} 12 to Lieu^{t}
Richard Gutrich Ser^{t} Advanc^{d} Oct^{r} 9th
Gideon Griswould Cor
Jn^{o} Meldrom Cor^{l} Advanc^{d} Oct^{r} 9th
Jn^{o} Stow Drum Advanced Oct^{r} 9th
David Griswould

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*Jeremiah Miller Jr. of New London was appointed in March 1745 commissary and commissary of muster rolls and proceeded with the others on the expedition against Louisburg. He writes from there to Governor Law under date of Aug. 27 asking permission "to depute some capable person to act in my behalf, that I may return for a little respit." This Book is evidence that the "respit" he desired was secured, and letters show that he was in New London during the first week of November. The book as a whole is undated. The earliest date it contains is October 9, which is probably but a short time after Miller gave his power of attorney to Whiting.

Nathan Whiting was born in Windham in 1724, graduated at Yale College in 1743, and settled in New Haven as a merchant. He joined the expedition against Louisburg as a lieutenant, became acting commissary, as is here shown, and was made a lieutenant in the British army at the close of the campaign. Upon the breaking out of the French war in 1755 he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the second regiment of Connecticut troops, and was Colonel of a regiment in each of the subsequent campaigns of the war, 1755–1762. He died in 1771. His portrait, in which he is painted in a red military coat, hangs in the Society's rooms.—*Dexter's Yale Annals.*

Benj^{n} Bevins
Moses Miller
Jedediah Kneeland
Jn^{o} Bukley
Abner(?) Couch Dead dec^{r} 3^{d}
Josiah Buck
Jn^{o} Hodge
Jn^{o} Chile
Jn^{o} Blyn
Nicholas Nichols
Isaac Goodrich
Isaac Goodale
George Chester
Jonth Brooks
Sam^{l} Stodard
Jo^{s} Strickland
Tho^{s} Merifield
Sam^{l} Hubbard

2 Company

Nathan Whiting Ens^{n}
Jonth Hall Serg^{t}
Asa Royce Serg^{t}
Richard Pue Corl
Daniel Potter Corl Dead Janu^{y} 20th *
Asa Collings Dead Feb^{y} 23th
Timothy Cole
Edward Dunbar
Jn^{o} Gordon
Ethom Curtis
Josiah Mansfield Dead Jan^{y} 25th
Allen Nisbet Dead Jan^{r} 2^{d}
Jn^{o} Nearn Dead March 20th

*1746 as are other dates of the early months of the calendar year in this list.

Justus Holt Dismist Oct^{r} 9th
Jacob Robison
Jo^{s} Seabury
Jn^{o} Tillison Dismist Oct^{r} 9th
Stephen Ward

3 Company
Jonth Read Lieut
Jo^{s} Wait Ensn Dead Dec^{r} 4th
Azariah Prat Ser^{t}
W^{m} Darrow Serg^{t}
W^{m} Rogers Serg^{t} Dead Dec^{r} 11th
Moses Huntly Ser^{t}
Nathan Chapin (Champin ?) Clerk Dead Feb^{y} 6th
Abij^{h} Hall Corl
Jason Hammond Cor Dead Feb^{y} 9th
Nathan Alger Corl Advanc^{d} Oct^{r} 9th Dead Dec^{r} 7
Solomon Tracey Corl Advanc^{d} Oct^{r} 16th Dead Jan^{y} 12th
Jn^{o} Pettee broke of being a Corl Oct^{r} 16th
W^{m} Chapel
W^{m} M^{c}kneal
Benj^{n} Graham
Isaac Hammond Dead Dec^{r} 13th
Jonth Tillison Dead Jan^{ry} 15th
Jonth Read Ju^{r}
Gideon Waterhouse Cor^{l} Dismist Oct^{r} 9th
Nathan Miller Dismist Oct^{r} 9th
Joshua Wick Dead Sep^{t} 30th

4 Company Chapman
Jn^{o} Darling Ens^{n}
W^{m} Bolt Serg^{t}
John Jeffrys Serg^{t}

David Darling Sert
David Borman Corl
Saml Wescott Corl Dead Febr 2d
Jos Ward Drumr
James Johnston Clerk
Jeremiah Fynch
Jonth Whelpley
Jos Isum Dead Decr 29th
Jacob Cane
Robert How Dead Decr 20th
Jno Thompson
David Wheaton Dead March 21
Nathan Noble
Jno Parks
Stephen Terril Dead March 15th
Benjn Wead
Charles Thorpe Dead Decr 26
David Austin
Jonth Haaley (Hadley?)
Saml Pettit Dead Feby 9
Peter Jermain Dead March 23d
Zabud (Tabud?) June
David Waterbury
Eleazr Clauson

5 Company

William Throope Lieut Dead April 15
Thos Williams Sert Dead March 23d
Steven Andrew Sert Advancd Octr 12th
Jonth Saphens Corl
John Ashcroft Corl Dead Novr 1
Jonth Crane Corl Advancd Novr 2th Dead Jany 13th
Isaac Staples Drum Advancd Octr 22 Dead Feby 15
Jno Tompson

Reuben Nihols Dead Feby 25
Jn° Bates
Leonard Owen
Simon Burton
Jon^th^ Townsend Dead Nov^r^ 30
James Graves
Jo^s^ Jonakin
Jon^th^ Flynt Dead Jan^y^ 15^th^
Sam^l^ Rathbone
Ephrahim Negers
Jn° France (Frame?)
Henry Gibson
Cristopher Downing
Elisha Brewster
Jo^s^ Thomas Dead Jan^y^ 24
Elijah Thorp Dead Jan 22

David Seabury Liet
Nath^l^ Lothrop Serg^t^ Advanc^d^ Dec^r^ 12^th^ to Lieut
Jon^th^ Buttolf Sergt
Jo^s^ Whiting Serg^t^ Dead Dec^r^ 17^th^
Sam^l^ Chipman Ser^t^
Richard Tozer Clerk
Jo^s^ Jones Corl
Jn° Edgcome Drum Died March 11
Elisha Page Dead Nov^r^ 14
Jn° Bloit
W^m^ Weakly
W^m^ Bowdish
W^m^ Fagin
Robert Gray
Daniel Luce
Mark Kelsey
Nicholas Eldridge

Jabez Eliot
Nathan Yeomans
Jn° Seabury
Thos Bennet Dead Decr 19th
Wm Starke Corl Dismist Octr 9th
Silas Pike Dismist Octr 9th
Jos Johnes (?) Dead Octr 24th

7 Company Ward.

Jn° Evitts Serjt
Jonth Jones Corl
John Knott Corl Dead Febv 7th
Josiah Waterhouse Deserted Novr 27th
Jos Ferary Dead Janv 29
Andrew Tooley Dead Janv 8
Jeyles Hull Deserted Novr 27th
Benjn Field Dismist Novr 27th
Silvanus Evitts Deserted Novr 27th
Enous Hull Deserted Novr 27th
Thos Morris
Jn° Bates
Andrew Morehouse
Daniel Barns
Daniel Hill
Jacob Miller
Nathl Evitts Deferted Novr 27th

8 Company Church

Jonth Noble Ensn Dead Janr 4th
Saml Gaylor Sert Majr Advancd Janv 16th*
Bishop Manros Sert
Saml Manross Sert

* The word Majr evidently indicates the advancement

Walter Henderson Clerk Dead Janr 6th
David Pike Corl
Emanuel Neering Corl Advancd Novr 12
Abraham Gillet
Amaziah Ashman
Charle Robison
Thos Judd
John Read
Beijn Deming
Reuben Quarters Dead Feby 17th
Benoni Bartlet
James Enough Dead Novr 15th
George Smith

9 Company

Saml Chapman Capt Dead Jany 15
Jabez Barlow Lieut
Ephrahim Parish Ensn Dead Februy 2d
Saml Redding Clerk
Joso Barker Sert
Noah Grant Sert
Jos Negers Sert
Moses Ward Sert
Daniel Buckley Corl
Josiah Tyler Corl
John Bundy Corl Dead Jany 2d
Edward Watkins Col
Nathan Hall Dead Novr 18th
Jonth Eastman
Amos Syllaway Deserted Octr 29th
Jno Readington(?) Dead Feby 1th
Jno Hadlock Dead Feby 6th
Grave Smith Dead Jany 20th
Wm Blancher

Oliver King Dead Dec^{r} 21
Henry Chipman
Henry Gains Dead March 1
Obed Lamberton
Jonth Sexton Dead Dec^{r} 16th
Benj^{n} Clark
Eliphale Mason Dead Dec^{r} 21st
Tho^{s} Warner Dead Dec^{r} 10th
Eben^{r} Lumiss Dead Dec^{r} 3^{d}
Stephen Taylor Dead Dec^{r} 26th
Jn^{o} Wood
Phillip Squire
W^{m} Williams
Zebediah Ross
Isaac Parish
James Boyles
Joseph D^{e} Wolf Dead Feb^{y} 9th
Simon D^{e}Wolf
Moses Hill Dead Jan^{y} 9th
Joshua Hurd Dead March 17th
Eliakim Hitchcock
Jo^{s} Beltler (Beltter ?) Dead Jan^{y} 14th
Jn^{o} Hamblin Dismist Oct^{r} 9th
Perez Webb
Sam^{l} Benjamin
Right Johnson
Alexander Smith Dead Feb 18th
David Royce
Daniel Brunson
Solomon Thomas
Benj^{n} Henman
Theadore Frisbe
Zebulon Rutte
Consider Brockway Dead Feb^{y} 17th
Jo^{s} Waid

Uriah Elwood Dead Feb^{y} 24
Eben^{r} How
Archabel Blair
Thadeus Williams Dead Dec^{r} y^{e} 30
Jn^{o} Williams
Richard Gilbart Dead April 11th
Mathew White
James Younglove Dead March 10th
Tho^{s} Wylle Dead March 20
Tho^{s} Elcock Dead April 3^{d}
Ebn^{r} Morriss
Jo^{s} Jackson Dismist Oct^{r} 9th
Zebulon Chapel Dead Jan^{y} 20th
Nymrod Ind^{n} Dead Dec^{r} 5th
Jn^{o} Pudding
Sam^{l} Pawson
Jerem^{h} Toto Dead Dec^{r} 15th
Benj^{n} Bagonege
Peter Pawson
Henry Pawson
Jn^{o} Hamblin
Jn^{o} Nanapau
Jn^{o} Casteal
Azariah Gillet Dismist Oct^{r} 9th

10 Company*

Adonij^{h} Fitch Cap^{t}
Ezekiel Ashley Lieut Dead March 9th
Jn^{o} Parker Ens^{n}
Isaa Sabin Ser^{t}
Jn^{o} Martin Ser^{t}
W^{m} Whiting Ser^{t} Dead Dec^{r} 26
Philip Judd Ser^{t} Dead Dec^{r} 13th

*Compare LAW PAPERS volume I, page 330.

Jo^{s} Parker Cor^{l}
Jo^{s} Kneeland Cor^{l}
Dudley Woodbridge Cor^{l}
Daniel Day Cor^{l} Dead Feb^{y} 26th
Ezekiel Ashley Clerk
Jn^{o} Stow Drum^{r} Dec^{r} 21th
*Obediah Fox Dead April 24th
*James Barnard Deserted Nov 2
James Booth Dead Feb^{y} 19th
Jabez Bingham
Jacob Burnum
James Balch
Timothy Case
Aaron Church Dead Jan^{y} y^{e} 6
Nathan Cook Dead March 7th
Alpheus Case
Jn^{o} Carier Dead Jan^{y} 3
Jn^{o} Dayley Dead Dec^{r} 25
Charles Dicson
Eben^{r} Drake Dead Dec^{r} 12
Jo^{s} Eeaton Dead Feb^{y} 25
Phineas Freeman
David Foot
Obediah Stow
Stephen Gillet Dead Feb^{y} 24th
Jn^{o} Griffin
Elisha Hammond Dead Dec^{r} 28
Jn^{o} Hadding
Aaron Jaqua (?)
W^{m} Lord Dead Jan^{y} 12
Jn^{o} Laraby Dead Feb^{y} 23th
Ezra Lumiss Dead. Dec^{r} 18th

*The entries of death and desertion against these two names are so interlined in the original manuscript that it is impossible to be certain to which person each entry refers, or that both do not refer to the same person.

Wm Moreton Dead Decr 6th
Bildad Moses Dead Novr 14th
Benjn Negers Dead March 20th
Giles Nott Dead Jany 10
John Oraway
Joshua Owen
Gershom Orviss
Jabez Polley Dead Feby 12th
Jno Parker
George Read Dead Janry 25th
George Cheedle Dismist Octr ye 9
Zacceus Scott Dead Decr 25
Josh Steward Dead Novr ye 2
Benjn Staples
John Sparks Dead Novr 28
James Stimson Dead Feby 11th
Solomon Tracey
Charles Tozer Dead Februy 2d
David Townsend
Wm White Deserted Novr 2
Thos Wyard Dead March 10th
Charles Whiting
Ephraim Wood Dead Jany 3
Jno Buel Dead Decr 26th
Gideon Cumiss
Noah Jaction
Richard Dick
Jno Wetowomp Dead Jany 12
Daniel Quictuck (?) Dead Decr 25
Jacob Toto
Simon Tobe Dead Decr 11th
Joshu Uncas Dead March 24th
Saml Uncas Dead Decr 22
Jno Wobbin Dead March 31
George Juaquequid (?)

Jn° Gibert Dismist Oct^r 9
Jn° Warhom
Eleazer Brainard Dismist Oct^r 9

11 Company

Sam^l Petibone Lieu^t
Jo^s Smith Ser^t
Jabob Fuller Ser^t
Asa Phelps Ser^t
David Mun Ser^t
Noah Humphry Clerk
Sam^l Thomas Cor^l Dead Jan^y 29^th
Jos Alderman Cor
Jo^s Squire Corl Dead Feb^y 7^th
David Gleoson Cor
Jedediah Owen Drum
Zebulon Mafit (?) Drum Dead Jan^y 13^th
Daniel Mastick Dead Feb 26^th
Jon^th Phelps
Caleb Case
David Buell Dead Feb^y 17^th
Benj^n Dyar
Abel Colyer Dead Feb^y 16^th
David Stodard Dead Jan^y 13^th.
Nathan Prindle
Stephen Petibone
Daniel Fuller
David Fuller
Phylander Pinne
Rise Davis
Abra^m Sowerhill
John Densdall
Abra^m Barns
Daniel Warner

Thos Abbee
Moses Cadwell
Reuben Dibble
Thos Weſt
Jn° Lewiss
Jo^n Eno
Francis Bacon
Timothy Palmer
Benj^n Barber Dead Jan^y 8^th
Jo^s Squire Dead Feb^y 7^th
Jo^s Cryssey Dead Jan^y 25^th
Nathan Mun
Edward Case
George Sirigly
Ephraim Adams
Christopher Crow Dead March 9^th
Daniel Gleason
Simon More
Jonah Richards
Asahel Hodge
Thos Barber Dead Feb^y 27^th
Nath^l Wilcock
Jon^th Barber Dead Jan^y 22^th
Isaac Graham Dead Jan^y 13^th
Benj More Dead Jan^y 19^th
Jn° Hadley Dead Feb^y 15^th
Jeremiah Fox Dead Jan^y 9^th
Synus Jackson
Joshua Pikenet Dead Feb^y 20^th
Abraham Negro Dead March 4^th
Thos Robin
Pewamp Kin
Jo^s Mammanash
W^m Thomas Dead March 1^st
Jo^s Stoddard

12 Company
Wm Smithson Lieut
Edmund Farchild Sert Dead Jany 25th
Saml Bayley Sert
Stephen Lyman Sert
Isaac Phillips Sert Dead Febry 4th
Danil Murwin Clark
Danl Smith Corl Advancd Feb 11 Sergt
Jos Sperry Corl Advancd Feb 11th Do
Eliphalet Munson Corl Dead Jany 31th
Elihu Yale Drumr Dead Decr 31
Nathan Curtis Drum
Benjn Andrew
Jesse Brockway
Stephen Bate
Thos Bryan
Jno Brackel
Jos Bayley
James Boyl
Jeremiah Bayle
Jno Barns
Wm Clark Dead Jany 13th
Ebenr Culver Dead Feby 6th
James Corbet Advancd Feb 12 Cor
Joel Clark
Wm Dennin
Jonth Dayton
Jesse Dayton Dead Feby 4th
Timth Elcock Dead Feby 27th
Jonth Fuller Dead Feby 28th
Cristopr Foiler
Eleazr Gaylor Advanced Feby 12 Corpl
Crisr Guarnsey Dead Feby 4th
Elemul Hand
Thos Holt Dead Feby 27th

Nath[l] How Dead Feb[y] 27[th]
Tho[s] Hitchcock Dead Feb[y] 3[d]
Mathias Hitchcock
James Hall
Robert Jackson
W[m] Johnson Dead April 11[th]
Diadate Jones Dead March 18[th]
Lent Lewis
Isaac Mix
Amos Mansfield
Jn[o] Michael
Solo[n] Munson
Sam[l] Mott Dead March 5[th]
Dani[l] Meriman
Jn[o] Mansfield
James Naugten
W[m] Prindle
Isaiah Potter
David Payne Dead Feb[y] 6[th]
Jon[th] Roberts
W[m] Roberts
Elisha Stoddard
David Sackett Dead Jan[y] 20[th]
Jn[o] Scott
Abra[m] Thomas Dead Janu[y] 14[th]
Jn[o] Todd Dead Feb[y] 14[th]
Parce Walter
Tho[s] Williams
John Winstone
Benj[n] Wells
Robert Younge Advanc[d] Feb[y] 12 Cor[l]
M[r] Backus Dead Febru[y] 2[d]

An Account of Spare Guns Deliverd me by The Several Companys of the Connecticutt Regiment & my Reciepts for Them

Louisburg Januar 4th 1745

Then Recievd of Saml Gaylor Seven Guns Which were Deliverd by The Colony of Connecticutt To Capt Church for the use of Saml Manros Immanuel Kneering Amaziah Ashman David Pike Charles Robison Abraham Gillet Joseph Gerry Soldiers In his Company And Redelivered to & recieved pr me.

N WHITING

P S recievd one more January 10th

Louisburg Jany 4th 1745

Recieved of Lieut David Seabury three Guns two Swords & two Cartouch boxes which were Delivered by Connecticut Colony to Capt Denison for the use of his Company, And Redelivered to & Recieved pr me

N WHITING

Louisburg January 4th 1745

Then Recieved of Lieut Jonathan Read five Guns Which were Deliverd by the Colony of Connecticutt To Capt Lee for the use of Jason Hammond one Markd L No 7 to Isaac Hammond one M L No 3 To Jonth Tillison M L No 11 to Wm Chapel No 2 M L Soldiers In his his Company & one Without Mark Which were Deliverd to & recieved pr me

N WHITING

P S recievd one more Gun January 14th

Louisburg January 4th 1745

Then recieved of Capt Saml Chapman Eleven Guns three belts & Cartouchboxes And one Sword Which were Delivered him by The Colony of Connecticut for the use of his Company And now Delivered to And Recieved pr me

N Whiting

Louisburg January 4 1745

Then Recieved of Ensn John Darling twelve Guns which were Delivered by the Colony of Connecticut to Capt Daniel Chapman for the use of his Company And now are Delivered to & recieved pr me

N Whiting

Louisburg Febv 7th 1745

recieved of Capt Petibone two Guns which belonging To the Colony of Connecticutt were Deliverd for The Use of two men in his Company Now Deceased

Receivd pr me

N Whiting

Louisburg February 7th 1745

Recieved of Capt Smithson Thirteen Guns & three Swords which were Deliver him by The Colony of Connecticutt for The use of his Company

℔r me

N Whiting

Louisburg April 8, 1746

Recievd of Ensn John Darling five Guns Which belong to Connecticut Colony

N Whiting

An Account of The Colony Guns by me Delivered and to Whom

Louis January 4th 1745

Then Recieved of Nathan Whiting eight Guns eight Swords & eight Cartouch boxes Which belong to the Colony of Connecticut and were Delivered him by Capt Fitch And one Gun Delivered him by Sert Gaylor I Say recieved pr me

N B the above articles were Deliverd to Capt Smithson

March 4th 1745

Then recieved of Capt Smithson five Guns four Swords & a Cartouche box

pr me

N Whiting

May 2d 1746 Returned to Mr J Miller at N London one hundred & three Guns twenty eight Swords & Seventeen Cartouch boxes

N Whiting

JOHN HUBBARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

N Haven 2d Octob. 1745

May it please your Honour,

The inclosed I just now reciev'd from Col. Saltonstall; as it contains an Account of the Provisions that were in the Com'sary's Hands on the 18th Ult. I did not know but it might be of some Importance I am your Honour's very Dutiful humble Servt

JOHN HUBBARD

[Superscribed] To the Honourable Jonathan Law Esqr Governour &c at Milford.

[Indorsed] Comissary Hubbards Octobr 2d 1745

SIMON LOTHROP TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBURGE y^e^ 4^th^ Octob 1745

*S^r^ May it please your Honou^r^*

Last weeke Arived hear from London Cap^t^ Rouse one of our Expresses from this place, who brings an acc^tt^ of y^e^ grete Acclematione of Joy In London at y^e^ News of y^e^ Reduction of this place to y^e^ obedience of y^e^ King, Expressed by bond fires & Eliumonations through y^e^ whol City, and that Two Ridgemonts from Gibralter is apointed hear, and that it was under Consideration whether one or more Ridgements of y^e^ American Troops should garrison this place, a Large Number of Connon & Two Thousand barrils of Powder and other stoors with Eight months provition for y^e^ English Troops was Emeadiatly to be sent. Com^d^ Warrin is made Rear Admiral of y^e^ Blue and Governour of Louisburge & Teritorys &c but y^e^ King not being at home his Comition is not yet Come, Gen^l^ Peppril is made a Knight & Barronett the Duke of New Castile, acknowlegs y^e^ bravery of our Troops & promises to Recomend them to y^e^ King for his favour.

Sr with my utmost aplication I have obtained Liberty to send home In Cap^t^ Mils Twenty one Men, which hath Reduced our Number to Three hundred, Exclucive of fourteen Comision officers and Ten officers and men gon on furlow.

the uncertinty of Brittish Troops ariving hear this fall and the uncertinty of our being dismised if they do (for which I can git no Incorigment) Makes it appeer to Me to be of obsolute Nessetty, with y^e^ utmost Dispatch to send our Recruits, our men Some of them being so Impotiently bent Return. Sr Inclosed is a Coppy of my orders to Cap^t^ Prentice as

soon as I Could obtaine a permit for him to Return, I shall allwayes Endeavour punctually to Comply with your orders as I shall Receive them, So with Due Regards to your Honr Rest your Honrs humbel Sevt SIMON LOTHROP

To ye Honorle JONATHAN LAW Esqr at Millford

P S So our Men have Drawn on their Captes for things they wanted for their Nesesity and if aney besid their Capt should be apointed to pay ye men it may Cause grate Dificulty.

S LOTHROP

[Superscribed] To The Honocl JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govr of Connecticutt.

[Indorsed] Coll Lothropp Octobr 4 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

MILFORD Octor 4th 1745

May it please your Grace

I have had the Honr of receiving his Majties Commands under your hand of ye 13th of April 1743 and of March 31st 1744 as also two of the 26th of April 1744 and one of ye 5th of May and another of ye 18th 1744 all wch have been strictly obeyd and punctually observd I have also recd your Graces circular Letter of the third of Janr last sent by ye honble Comadore Warren to furnish him with our Quota of men armes and Provision for the Defence of Annapolis and other his Majties Northern Provinces and for the Attacking his Majties Enemies wch the more emboldens me to Congratulate your Grace on ye Reduction of Louisburg ye Key of the ffurr and fish Trade to the Obedience of his Majty : y7th of June last as also to request ye favour of presenting the

humble Address of the Gov^r and Company of this his Maj^ties Colony of Conecticutt which in Conjunction with y^e other Gov^ts in New England have adventurd upon so arduous and expensive an Undertaking That by your Influence his Maj^ty may in y^e low State to w^ch we are y^r by reduced of his meer grace and abundant Goodness according to y^e Act of Parliament made in y^e 13^th year of his Reign for the more effectual securing and encouraging the Trade of his Maj^ties British Subjects to America &c. would Grant to them or some other way relieve his loyal Subjects loaded with an heavy Debt y^r by and I shall alwayes este[ ] it my Hon^r & Interest t[ ] that I am most excellent [ ]

Your Grace's most humble
and obedient Servant
JON^TH LAW

To y^e most Excellent Hollis Duke of Newcastle one of his Maj^ties principal Secretaries of State.

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to y^e Duke of Newcastle Oct^br 4^th 1745.

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

S^r

I herewith inclose to you a Duplicate of an Address to the Duke of New Castle inclosing an Address to his Maj^tie on the happy Occasion of the Reduction of the Town and strong fortresses of Louisburge and places y^r on depending the Key of the ffurr and fish trade to the obedience of his Britannick Maj^te in which we were united w^th y^e Massathusetts and other Gov^ts in N. England begging his Maj^ties favour under our low and reduced Circumstances, in Defense whereof we have further undertaken to furnish with 350

men till the first of June next and to Support them in Case his Majties Pleasure be not sooner known so that they may be dismisst

As also a Duplicate of the Instructions thôt proper to furnish you with for our Defence against the Bill preferrd in Parliament at the Instance of the Merchants in Boston against our paper Currency &c to wch you will add in our favour the Arguments wch may irresistably be drawn from ye greatness and Success of the late Undertaking which had been altogether impracticable and utterly impossible had such an Act of Parliament obtaind against us

Also a Duplicate of ye Proceedings of ye Comrs in Masons Case and of ye Letters wch accompanyd them wch I understand were sent in Capt Craigs who was taken by the ffrench but retaken and carryed into the Isle of Garnsey ye very day on which your last Letter (wch I have recd) was dated Viz: March 25 1745 and have ever since flatterd myself that they might notwithstanding come safe to your hands but least that should fail I send these and Subscribe

Your very humble Servant

JONTH LAW

MILFORD Octobr 4th 1745

To ELIAKIM PALMER Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Agent Palmer Octor 4th 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

Sr

I send to you by an Express a Coppy of the Comrs book &c a Duplicate of the Address to his Majty a Letter to ye D of New Castle (no Coppy of ye letter sent to him before coming to my hands) a Letter to Agent Palmer &c with a Letter to Mr Wells to take

Care of them, all to be sent by some carefull hand to Boston with all convnient Speed it being more difficult to send from hence. in so doing you will serve your Countrey and your

humble Servant
JONTH LAW

To GEORGE WYLLIS Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO SAMUEL WELLES.

MILFORD Octobr 4th 1745

Sr

This Paquett directed to our Agent Eliakim Palmer Esqr comes to you by an Express and I desire you take the first Opportunity to send it to him. it contains Duplicates of what was sent heretofore and more lately. I thank you for your Care and especially for acquainting me of Capt Craigs being taken but understanding that he was retaken and carryd into Garnsey was ready to hope the paquett might gett safe to Mr Palmers hands. have delayed ye sending Duplicates till this time and least they should have miscaryd I now send them Nothing doubting of your Concern for your native Countrey.

I Subscribe

Your very humble Servant
JONTH LAW

To SAML WELLS Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Wells Oct 4 1745

BENNING WENTWORTH TO JONATHAN LAW.

PORTSMOUTH Oct° 11th 1745

Sir,

It haveing been Represented to me, that there has been great wast Commutted within the limits of your Government, by Cutting down & Converting to private use White pine trees Set for masting the Royall Navy, I have tho't it for His Majestys Service to Appoint a deputy Surveyor in your Government, to Inspect & take Care of the Kings woods, who I have directed to Apply to your Honour to be sworn into the office; which you will Please to give the Necessary directions about, and I doubt not but you will countenance and Incourage Him in the Execution of His office, As the preservation of great and small white pine trees, is of the greatest Consequence to the Nation, & the Brittich plantations in particular, our Safety depending more Immediately on the Royall Navy; & His Majesty cannot be Supply'd with masts in any other part of the world, but from His own plantations.

Upon the Appointment I have made of Mr William Prout, I have thôt it necessary, to Send you herewith, an Exemplification of His Majestys Commission Appointing me Surveyor General of His Woods in North America, which please to order upon the Records of your Government, that no objection may be made to my Authority.

I am with great Respect
Sr Your Honours
most Obedient
humle Servant
B WENTWORTH

The Honle JOHN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Wentworths Octbr 11 1745

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON October 14th 1745

Sir,

I herewith Send your Honour a Copy of a Letter from Coll. Willard Commander of Fort Dummer by which you will find that a Body of French & Indians have Attacked our Western Frontiers. & tis probable that they will not go off till they have done further Mischief. I am extremely Surprized to understand by this Letter as well as by another Hand, that your Soldiers are drawn off from that Frontier & returned Home above a Fortnight ago, And tis not improbable that the Enemy has had Knowledge of this Occurrence and of our Weakness thereby, and so have taken the Advantage of it.

I am sorry that no Information was given me of your Intention to draw off these men, before it was done, that so Our Frontiers might not have been left in so exposed a Condition in the most dangerous Season since the Declaration of War with France; I do now therefore with the Advice of his Majesty's Council of this Province earnestly request of your Honour that your Forces may be sent back without Delay with strict Orders to do every thing possible for the Defence of the Frontiers & Annoyance of the Enemy.

I am Sir
Your Honour's most
Obedt humle Servant
S PHIPS

The Honble JONATHAN LAWS Esqr

GIDEON WANTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

Ho^ble S^r

This serves to aknowledge the Receipt of your Severall Letters Relating to the Counterfitt Plates in Imitation of our bills of Creditt; all Which Have laid before our Generall Asembley; There Results on the Same youl find by a Copy of the Inclosed Vote what I am directed to forward and am with Greate Respet

Your Houner's
most obedient Hu^le Se^t
GID^N WANTON

NEWPORT y^e 15th octob^r 1745

[Indorsed] Gov^r Wantons oct^br 1745

JOHN CHANDLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

May it Please your Hon^r

At 10 o'Clock P M. I Rec^d the Inclosed. your Hon^r will please to give y^e bearer a Line of y^e Rec^t thereof

I am your Hon^r Obd^t Hum^l Ser^t
(In hast)
JOHN CHANDLER

WORCESTER Oct^r 15^th 1745

To the Hon^ll GOV^R LAW.

[Superscribed] To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^r Governour of the Colony of Conecticutt Att Milford or New Haven Hart Post Man

[Indorsed] Coll^l Chandlers Octob^r 1745

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir,

His Honor Lieutent Governr Phips wrote to your Honour yesterday by Express respecting the Return of your Forces from our Frontiers, but a Copy referred to was forgotten to be enclosed; Which Copy I now send you

I am Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servt

J WILLARD

BOSTON Octobr 15. 1745.

[Superscribed] On his Majesty's Service To the honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governor of Connecticut at Milford

[Indorsed] Secry Willard & Copy of Coll Willards 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO SPENCER PHIPS.

Sr

Your's of ye 14th Instant I recd This Afternoon & Inclosed is a Copy of The Resolve of our Assembly Thereon; and whatsoever Shall be necessary to be Represented to This Colony respecting Those Western Frontiers of your Province, Please to order it To be made To our Comtee of Warr at Hartford, who were heretofore Invested with full Authority To Transact on Those Affairs, and Send up Forces There on Every Emergency;—It might have been best for the persons concerned at Those Frontiers, To have Sent directly To That Comtee of our's at Hartford, who would have taken proper Stepps & used all possible Dispatch on our Behalf in The Defence of Those Frontiers; wch I am Sorry was not done, That so such Delay as has been, might not have

happened.—The Copy of Col° Willard's Letter you proposed to Inclose in Your's by some mistake was Omitted. Heretofore Col° Stoddard, & Afterwards Gov^r Shirley was Informed by me of the Com^tee afores^d Appointed To Receive The Representations from The Cheif in Authority in y^e County of Hampshire respecting The State of Those Western Frontiers, & Send forces at Their Request for Their Defence

President Clapp Informed me of your Intentions To Send me a Copy of The Duke of New Castles's Letter Respecting Cape Breton, w^ch I hoped To have Received before Now. Our Comis^rs from Albany I hourly Expect And We have a Rumour That Their Negociations with The Indians have Succeeded Well.

I am Y^r Hon^rs
most Obed^t Hum^le Serv^t
JON^TH LAW

NEW HAVEN Oct^r 19th 1745

To the Hon^ble SPENCER PHIPS Esq^r

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r Phipps Octob^r 1745

TIMOTHY GREEN TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the Honourable the Governour Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled in New Haven Octob. 10. 1745

The humble Request of Timothy Green Printer to the Governour and Company

May it Please Your Honours,

I having finished the Work devolved on me as Printer for the Colony for another full year there remains due to me a years Salary; for I have not

received any part of it: which I pray may be paid in lawful money. I have three Reasons to offer to support my Request.

I. Because that was the money first agreed on by the Colony with me. The state of the case is thus, Nov. 27. 1707. Gov. Winthrop died. Dec. 7 following the General Court was called together and Chose Gov. Saltonstall. He minding to have this Government furnished with a Printer moved to the Assembly to have one Sent for. in 1708. Application was made to me from the Government to Come and Settle with them and be their Printer. In 1713 I Came up, and a Council was Called at New London who agreed with me to give me fifty pounds per Annum to print all the laws in their Several Sessions they shall hold yearly, all the proclamations, and if the Colony See Cause the Election Sermons, and find Paper; accordingly I have done so every year since the year 1713. But ever since the year 1740, I have received for my Salary but 30 Pounds new Tenor; which falls much short of the Sum the Colony Granted me.

II. Because of the extraordinary Expence I have been at to provide a Set of new Types &c. in hopes your Honours would order the Laws (which are so much wanted to be Printed) to be immediately done.

III. Because of your Honours wonted goodness to others, moves me to lay this Request before you, and pray I might be considered also.

I am

Your Honours humble Servant

TIMOTHY GREEN.

New London Octob. 22. 1745.

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON October 28. 1745

Sir,

I have received your Honour's Letter of the 19th instant; As to what you are pleased to mention, respecting your Committee & the Power lodged with them, I was a perfect Stranger to the Affair, and therefore I was at no Loss to Judge of the Propriety of my Application to you, as the Head of the Governmt of Connecticutt in an Affair of that Moment, & more especially as I knew your General Court was then Sitting; And if I had been informed of the Constitution of your Committee, I could have no doubt but that they were subordinate to your Legislature, & that they had put no Power into their Committee's hands but what they could exercise themselves; And Colo Stoddard (who you say was acquainted with the Affair) being gone out of the Province, I was necessitated to make an immediate Application to your Honour, And after all that you are pleased to Say respecting your Committee, If I had never so much Mind to treat with them, I'm not able, not being yet informed of the Names of one Single Gentleman belonging to them; But I hope Matters of meer Formality will not be used to interrupt the friendly Correspondence that ought to Subsist between your Government and this, and obstruct the Assistance which ought to be given against the Invasions of the Common Enemy. It was thrô the Forgetfulness of One of the Clerks in the Secretary's Office that the Copy mentioned in my Letter was left out, but the Secretary tells me he has since sent it to you; As to the Duke of New Castle's Letter I should have sent you a Copy, but the Secretary in whose hands it lays was restrained from granting any Copies of it but the

Substance of that Letter is contained in the publick Prints.

I am Sir

Your Honour's most

Obedient humble Servant

S PHIPS

The Hon^ble JONATHAN LAWS Esq^r

JONATHAN LAW TO JONATHAN MERRICK

MILFORD Octob^r 28^th 1745

Rev^d S^r

The Assembly at y^r last Sessions at New haven having directed me with y^e Advice of the Council of Warr to supply our forces in y^e Garison att Louisburge with a Chaplin till the first of July next if need be, by the Advice of y^e s^d Council, the worshippfull Robert Treat Esq^r comes with this Request to you That with all possible Speed you repair to New London where in a very few dayes It is expected our Troops will embark for Cape Breton and proceed with them in y^e Charecter aboves^d

JONATHAN LAW

To y^e Rev^d M^r JON^TH MERRICK

The like is sent to the Rev^d M^r WILL^M WORTHINGTON

[Indorsed] Copies of Letters to M^r Merick an Worthington for Chaplins Octob^r 28^t 1745

JONATHAN MERICK TO JONATHAN LAW.

BRANFORD Octo^br 29 1745

May it please your Honour

Having Received your Desire that I Should go to Cape Breton in y^e form of a Chaplain and I am Sorry that My Circumstances is Such that I Cannot Gratify your Honour in his Request but at Present y^e religious

state of y^e^ Town of Branford is Somthing Peculiar and y^e^ state of My Family is Such that I Cannot in prudence Leave them So Long a Space; I hope your Honour will find a Supply Much Better than what I am able Not furder to trouble your Honour but Remain Your

Honours Dutifull and
Humble Servant
JONATHAN MERICK

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ at Milford
[Indorsed] M^r^ Merricks Oct^r^ 1745

JOHN PRENTIS TO JONATHAN LAW.

*May it please your Hon^r^*

I am by the goodness of god safe arived in New London but have buried Twenty one of my men and Severall now Sick and weak, I was not alowed To Saile When Co^ll^ Burr ordred me home but Detained some Time after by Gov^r^ Sherley & Comd^r^ Warren, I shall now waite y^r^ Hon^rs^ orders, my men are most of them weak and Low and beg To be Discharged; theare is now but 40 that belongs to the Sloop I remain y^r^ Most Obedient Humble Serv^t^

JOHN PRENTIS

NEW LONDON Octob^r^ 29^th^ 1745
[Indorsed] Cap^t^ Prentice's Letter Oct^br^ 28 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS FITCH.

MILFORD Oct^br^ 30^th^ 1745

*S^r^*

These are to lett you know That the Assembly after your Departure chose you to be y^r^ Agent to repair with all convenient Speed to great Britain to

transact y^e^ Affair of obtaining for this Colony the Reimbursement of the Expences of the Expedition against Cape Breton with such other Matters and Affairs as shall need to be transacted for this Colony and transmitted by y^e^ Gov^r^ during your Stay there and in Case of your Refusal or Hinderance by inevitable Providence Coll^l^ Bulkley is appointed. if it shall please god to carry safe thrô the Distemper with w^ch^ are now surrounded you will be much better fitted for such an Undertaking. so praying god may preserve and direct you

I Subscribe

Your very humble Servant

J LAW

To Coll^l^ THOMAS FITCH Esq^r^

[Indorsed] a Copy of a Letter to Coll^l^ Fitch Oct^br^ 30 1745

WILLIAM WORTHINGTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

SAYBROOK Octob^r^ 30. 1745

May it Please your Honour,

Yours of 28^th^ Ins^t^ I received, & have weighed the Matter according to the Importance of it, (So far as I could in so short a time;) & find Some things in my affairs very forbidding; partly on account of the broken State of My People & the Itinerants w^ch^ visit our Baptists, partly on account of a tender Constitution w^ch^ cannot endure Cold or any hardships, & partly by reason of the circumstances of my family, which M^r^ Treat can informe y^r^ Honour more particularly of. were things so scituate with me, that I could think it my Duty, this is a Method of serving my God & Country, y^t^ would be peculiarly agreeable

to me. I sincerely thank your Honour for your good opinion of Me, & kindness in giving me the offer of the business: but as the case is with me I must pray your Honour to excuse

Your Honours Most Obliged
& Most Dutyfull Servt
WM WORTHINGTON

For Governour Law

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

London ye Novr 1745.

Sir

The Bearers departure for Connecticut being very sudden I have barely time to acknowledge the receipt of your Honour's Letter of the 2d Septemr last (just come to my hands) accompang the Colony's Address to his Majesty on the Reduction of the Importan Island and Fortresses of Cape Breton wch together wth Your Honrs Letter to the Duke of New Castle shall forthwith be Deliver'd to his Grace whom I shall duely attend to know his Majestys pleasure thereupon & acquaint your Honr as Opportunitys may Offer

In my former Letters I inform'd you that the Eldest Son of the Pretender to his Majtys Crown was in the Kingdom of Scotland at the head of a Number of Highland Forces who have rebelliously taken up Arms in support of this unnatural Attempt to Dethrone the best of Kings & overthrow the best Constitution now subsisting in the World, Since wch they have made some further Progress Southward & are still advancing but as their Numbers are very little increas'd there is the greatest reason to believe

they will in a short Time meet the Fate they Deserve.

I am Your Honours & the Colonys
most Faithful humle Servt
ELIAKM PALMER

Duplicate

SIMON BACKUS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Honoured Sr

having Received your Desire &c by the worshipfull Robert Treat I thot myselfe obliged In duty and Gratitud to acknowledge yor Honours Respect yr in Shewn to me ,In Reposing Such a trust in me the most unworthy, and Looking upon it as ye Mediate and ordinary Call of God to me to undertake ye Service, with all humility and Selfe deffidence depending upon the Sovern Lord and disposer of all things for direction protection and assistance yr in I do Except the Call; Earnistly desiring your honours prayers &c

as In duty bound I rest yon Honrs
Humble and obediant Servt
SIMON BACKUS

NEWINGTON Novembr 4, 1745

[Superscribed] To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Governs of Connecticut These

[Indorsed] Mr Backuss Letter 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO PETER WARREN.

MILFORD Novbr 5 1745

May it please your Excellency

By an Act of our Assembly in October last I am desired to draw and send a Letter to you

acknowledging the favour of yours of y^e^ 14^th^ of September last Congratulating you upon the Success & Honours conferrd upon you by his Maj^ty^ in Return of your good Services: and also representing to you the Advantages that may accrue to this Colony and the Goverment of Louisburg by a good Agreement & Correspondency between them: And desiring your Representations to be made in our favour to his Maj^ty^ and Comendation to your friends at home to use their Interest on our behalf That we may obtain the Reimbursements of our Expences in this Expedition against Cape Breton and due favour to be conferrd on our Officers and Souldiers employed therein for w^ch^ causes these Lines come, and for your further Assurance of our sincere Regards to your Excellency I herewith inclose to you a Proclamation issued on the joyfull Newes of your Conquest of that important place, and the fruits of our Labours consisting chiefly of such things as may be most agreeable to the Circumstances of your people and that its generally more safe and expeditious for us to continue our Course from Cape Cod than to turn ab^t^ into y^e^ Norwest, it will be natural for us to alter y^e^ Centre of our Trade.

S^r^ I have just now rec^d^ Advice from our Agent in which he speaks very encouragingly about a Reimbursement of our Expences thô he write on y^e^ 17^th^ of July before y^e^ arrival of the wellcome News of the Acquisition

Herewith comes 150 men for Garison Souldiers which together with 200 of those that are w^th^ you the Gov^t^ have agreed to subsist there till the first of June next unless his Maj^tes^ Pleasure be sooner known, trusting that to such as shall not be wanted you will give Liberty to Return; Transports & Store

shipps are said to have come out for Gibralter under y^e^ same Convoy with y^e^ Shipp for N York in w^ch^ came my Paquett and from Gibralter to Cape Breton where I pray god make you a great and lasting blessing and Subscribe

Your Excellencies
hearty sincere and
humble Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

To S^r^ PETER WARREN Baronet

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ P Warren Nov^br^ 5 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO NATHANIEL STANLY

MILFORD Nov^br^ 5 1745

Gentlemen

The inclosed are Copies of what I rec^d^ last night from our Agent Via N York ℔ y^e^ hands of M^r^ Lamson and this comes to hasten our Certificates of y^e^ Acc^ts^ of our Disbursements against Cape Breton w^ch^ I would have, sent home with all Expedition, you see the Encouragement given by M^r^ Palmer of a Reimbursment I would not have it delayd for our new Agent's proceeding, it must (I suppose) be laid before y^e^ Parliament which setts not longer than the Winter Season, hope his Applications will answer. I have wrote to Coll^l^ Fitch but have not as yet rec^d^ any Answer.

In making up Cap^t^ Prentice's Acc^ts^ you will consider whether any part in y^e^ Prizes belongs to the Owner of y^e^ Vessel

Mr Wells Tutor who handed the Accts to me sais that Mr Lamson told him that its to be credited That the Grand Duke is chosen Emperour, That after waiting 3 months for a Convoy he came out wth Admiral Vernon with 6 90 Gun shipps and 70 gunn shipps and joynd Admⁱ with a number of 70 gun shipps who waited for a french ffleet wth ye Pretenders Son and that a number of Transports wth Souldiers &c for Gibralter and thence to Cape Breton.

JONTH LAW

To ye honble the Dep Govr and ye Comtee for settling ye Accts of ye late Expedition to be sent home

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Collⁱ Stanly &c Novbr 5 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

MILFORD Novbr 5th 1745

Sr

I herewith inclose to you a Letter to Sr Peter Warren wch I pray you to send by one of our Transports wch I conclude are ready to sail for Louisburge

Yesterday I recd a Paquett from Agent Palmer of ye 17th of July in which he informs me of Mr Towsey's being dismisst from Clarks Appeal in ye arguing whereof Winthropp and Leachmere's was much insisted on, and he speaks very encouragingly about our obtaining a Reimbursement which I hope we shall receive if our Importunity dont prevent. should be glad to hear our Transports were on ye Wing

with one Regards to your self and Madam the Coll[l] and your Son I am as I alwayes have been

Your assured friend
and humble Servant
JON[TH] LAW

To JER: MILLER Esq[r]

P S I just now rec[d] M[r] Backus's Acceptance of the Service of a Chaplin J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to M[r] Miller Nov[br] 5 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO JOHN PRENTIS.

MILFORD Nov[br] 6 1745

S[r]

I this Minute rec[d] yours of y[e] 29[t] last the Post thrô Mistake carryd it West and now give you Order to discharge your men, unbend your Sails &c and committ her to y[e] Care of Coll[l] Saltonstall in like form & manner as heretofore has been the more ꝑticular Directions I have not time to enumerate the Post waiting

I am Your humble Servant
JON[TH] LAW

To Cap[t] JOHN PRENTICE

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Cap[t] Prentice Nov[br] 6[th] 1745

JONATHAN TRUMBULL* TO JONATHAN LAW.

LEBANON November 11[th] 1745

S[r]

Inclosed is The Copy of an Examination & Judgment made at Pomfret, on a peice of Wickedness comitted There, The Principal you'l Observe is in the Comon Goal at Povidence &c, for Debt; and It Seems necessary That Justice be Done, & he brought To

* About 1765 the family changed the spelling of their name from Trumble to Trumbull.

Condign punishment That he Be Brought from Thence into This Government, for Trial; I Therefore Judged it my Duty To Acquaint Your Honour of it; That So your Honour Should Direct me; and If you think proper Send To The Governour of Rhode: Island To give The Necessary Orders, for his Remove; or otherwise as Your Honour Shall Direct To

Your Hon^rs

Obedient Hum^l Servant

JN^TH TRUMBLE

For The Hon^ble JON^TH LAW Esq^r

[Indorsed] Coll^l Trumbals of Nov^br 11^th 1745

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LOND^N 9^br y^e 13. 1745.

S^r

Your Hon^rs Lett^r of y^e 5^th Inst^t Came Safe to Hand; the Inclos'd to Adm^ll Warren I've given in Charge to M^r Hubbell Who says will take special Care of it & take y^e first op^ty to Deliver it to ye Adm^ll I thank yo^r Hon^r for y^e agreeable Advice you are pleas'd to take y^e trouble to give, which many have Read w^th great pleasure the Transports & Recruits for Louisb^g are now Here & hope they will Come to sail this Day, am Sorry they are so Late. Give me Leave to Write my Self

Yo^r Hon^rs Most obliged

Hum^le Serv^t

JER MILLER

P. S. I believe yo^r Hon^rs Sentim^t Respecting a Reembursm^t of our Charge to be Exceeding Just. Early, freq^t & pressing Solicitations will give Disgust & Indicate an [?] temper I dare not say y^e Assembly errs.

To Gov^r LAW

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LOND^{N} 9^{br} 14. 1745

S^{r}

I Wrote your Hon^{r} yesterday that Our Recruits were got in here & Ready to Embark, I understood by Cap^{t} Smithson that it was so, but He tells me now 'tis only His Company, and Can Hear nothing of Pettybone & His Comp^{y}

It grows so Late that y^{e} Company that is Here are very Uneasey & Long to be gone are Loth to Loose so good an op^{ty} as offers this Morn^{g}, they ask my Direct^{n} in y^{e} Case but dont know what to Say to y^{m} since I have no Concern in y^{e} Affair; but told y^{e} Offic^{r} that were I in his place I would Stay for None but get to Sail this Morn^{g} I am

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} Much obliged
very Hum^{le} Serv^{t}
JER: MILLER

To Gov^{r} LAW

[Indorsed] M^{r} Millers 9^{br} 14 1745

ROGER WOLCOTT'S CERTIFICATE.*

COLONY OF CONNECTICUT, WINDSOR ss.

Whereas, the General Assembly of His Majesty's colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, have represented to me, the subscriber, the Deputy

*It appears that complaints against Rhode Island were made to the King, of the backwardness of that colony in sending assistance to the expedition against Cape Breton. Rhode Island hastened to refute these complaints, and in so doing passed the following vote at a meeting of her General Assembly in October 1745.

"Voted and resolved, that Peter Bours, Esq., be, and he is hereby appointed to wait upon the Hon. Roger Wolcott, Esq., deputy governor of the colony of Connecticut, and major general of the forces that reduced Cape Breton, and request of him a certificate of what he knows respecting the conduct of this colony, relating to the expedition against Cape Breton, and more especially as to the service that our colony sloop has been in said expedition." *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, V, 153, 154.*

Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, and major general of the land forces employed in the late expedition against Cape Breton, that their conduct relating to the reduction of that place, hath been misrepresented to the British court, and therefore have applied to me, to declare what I know, relating to the assistance that has been given by their colony; and that justice may be done to that government, according to truth, I certify as follows, viz.:

That the colony of Rhode Island fitted out for the expedition against Cape Breton, their guard sloop, the Tartar, under the command of Capt. Daniel Fones, mounting fourteen carriage and twelve swivel guns; furnished with needful warlike stores, with ninety men on board.

That the colony of Connecticut fitted out their guard sloop the Defence, under the command of Capt. John Prentice, mounting twelve carriage and twelve swivel guns, furnished with warlike stores, and an hundred men on board.

That when the forces from Connecticut were near ready to embark, at New London, it was feared that Capt. Prentice would not be a sufficient guard for our transports; and thereupon, from a motion from the Governor of Connecticut, to the Governor of Rhode Island, Capt. Fones was sent to New London, to join Capt. Prentice, to convoy our forces to Cape Breton.

That our fleet, consisting of two guard sloops, and seven transports, having received on board five hundred men, sent from Connecticut, for the land service, went on our voyage, and off the Cape Sable shore we espied a ship making towards us; and not knowing what she might be, the Tartar went out to speak with her; and upon exchange of some shot, she was found to be a French ship of war, of about

thirty-four guns. Capt. Fones perceiving her to be a vessel of great superiority, led her off from the fleet. She proved to be a very nimble ship; but the Tartar being a prime sailor, and hauling close to the wind, kept her in chase of her all day, and got clear of her at night; so our fleet, without any damage from said French ship, arrived safe at Canso. If this ship had engaged our fleet, it is probable that both the guard sloops would not have been able to withstand her; and if we had had no convoy but Capt. Prentice, it is likely that we should have been ruined by her.

That during the seige, Capt. Fones, Capt. Becket and Capt. Donahue were sent to the Gut of Canso, to prevent the enemy that we expected were coming from the siege of Annapolis, to the relief of Louisburg; accordingly, they met them, and repelled a great number of them; and this, we judged, was the reason that we did not meet them on the island of Cape Breton.

In testimony of the truth of all the above written, I have hereunto set my hand, at Windsor, in said colony of Connecticut, the 15th day of November, Anno Domini 1745

ROGER WOLCOTT

THOMAS FITCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW HAVEN Novemb^{r} 15th 1745

Honoured S^{r}

Upon Receiving yours of y^{e} 30th of Last month acquainting me of what y^{e} General Assembly have done in appointing me their Agent to Repair to Great Britain &c I tho't it my duty to take y^{e} Matter into Serious Consideration, tho' before on y^{e}

Rumor I had heard I was in my own mind Determined, and having Consulted my friends who know my Circumstances and Deliberately considered y^e^ Circum. of myself & family and the State of my business on the whole must Desire to be Excused from undertaking a trust of So great Importance and for which I am so unqualifyed, and at this time so Difficult for me to Engage in. I Gratefully acknowledge the Regard Shewn me by the Assembly and am heartily Sorry I am not Able to Serve them, but hope they will be better provided for Since I understand there is an appointment of a Gentleman so Capable to Serve y^e^ Colonys interest. I intended to have waited on your Hon^r^ as I came thro' Milford but y^e^ Weather prevented, I am may it please your Hon^r^ with Great Respect your Hon^rs^ and the Colonys most

obedient Humble Servant

THO^S^ FITCH

The Hon^rble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Fitch's Nov^br^ 15 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO JOHN BULKLEY.

MILFORD Nov^br^ 18 1745

*S^r^*

This comes to lett you know That Coll^l^ Fitch declines the Service of an Agent to great Britain on w^ch^ Condition you may remember you was appointed I can represent to you by way of Encouragement That by a Letter of y^e^ 17^th^ of July last from Agent Palmer I learn that he hopes the brave New Englanders will succeed in their Expedition against Cape Breton and that he makes no Doubt of a Reimbursement of our Expences w^ch^ will be great

I have some time since sent a Copy of our Agents Letter to the D:Gov^{r} &c and urgd That y^{e} Acc^{ts} of our Disbursements might with all Dispatch be prepar'd and sent home M^{r} Palmer also informs me That after an hearing (before the L^{ds} of the Com^{tee}) of Clarks Petition in w^{ch} great Stress was laid on Winthrop and Leachmeres Case Towsey was dismist M^{r} Attorny gen^{l} & Solicitor managed on y^{e} Gov^{ts} side

I am S^{r} Your assured ffriend
and humble Servant
JONTH LAW

To Coll JOHN BULKLY

[Indorsed] Copy [ ] to Coll^{l} Bulkley 9^{br} 18 1745

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEWPORT Nov^{r} 19th 1745

Hon^{ble} Sir

I Esteem it my duty to acquaint You, that the two Transports; Cap^{ts} Done & Gorham, were ready to putt to Sea the 9th Instant, & that Lieu^{t} Smithson with his Comp^{y} arrivd at New London the 10th. Lieu^{t} Pettabone arrivd the 16th Ins^{t} at 4 Clock P. M. with his Comp^{y} & march^{t} directly on board the Transport; the 17th at 10 Clock both Transports were under Sail; and since it was impossible to gett the Complem^{t} of Blankets in the Colony, I order'd them to touch here; & as soon as they were under way, I mounted my Horse & arriv'd the evening of s^{d} day in Town; procur'd the Complem^{t} of Blankets, (Viz^{t} one for each Soldier inclusive, of what the other Comissarys had furnished) & sent them on board the Vessells; and yesterday morning at 9 Clock they were both under Sail, had a fine wind, & it continues fair still. Lieu^{t} Pettabone embarkt in Gorham, & Smithson in Done.

There's not the least inteligence of the British Troops being arriv'd

I am with the utmost Regard
Y^r^ Hon^r^ Most Obed^t^
Hum^e^ Serv^t^
G: SALTONSTALL

The Honb^le^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Coll Saltonstals 9^br^ 19 1745

JOHN BULKLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

COLCHESTER Nov^r^ 21 1745

*May it Please Your Hon^r^*

I Rec^d^ your letter of Nov^r^ Instant ℔ the hand of M^r^ Baldwin, by which I understand that Col^o^ Fitch declines to Serve his Countrey as their Agent at the Court of Great Brittain; this will greatly disappoint the people of the Governm^t^ who Seem much Engaged about y^t^ affair, and very desirous of his being concerned in it; and was not a little Surprising to me, when I considered that in Consequence thereof (as the vote of the Assembly Stands) it would be Expected that I Should Either Accept of or Decline y^t^ great Trust. I have never heretofore tho't of y^e^ affair with any Settled Expectation of being called to Engage in it, & therefore hope I may have Your Honour's pardon for my not returning a Direct answer till I have advised with my friends about the affair, & have had opportunity to See if the difficulties w^c^ at once Come into my View can be removed out of the way; I think I can truely Say, that Could I believe my Self tollerably quallified for Such a Service, the Concern I have for the honour & Interest of my Countrey would be Eno' to make me freely Encounter the Difficulties & Dangers that may ordinarily be

Expected to attend Such an Enterprise. I Shall as Soon as may be let your Hon^r^ know my Determination on the affair & in the mean time Subscribe.

Your Most Obed^t^ Humble Ser^t^

JOHN BULKLEY

Gov^r^ Law.

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Bulkleys Letter 9^br^ 1745

THOMAS DIAMOND'S COMPLAINT.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Hon^ble^ Spencer Phips Esq^r^ Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chief for the Time being of the said Province And the Hon^ble^ Council of the same now Sitting in Boston

The Complaint of Thomas Diamond Master of the Sloop Dolphin Humbly Sheweth.

That your Complainant on the Second Day of Novem^r^ instant left Cape Breton by Order from the Commodore to proceed to the Gutt of Canso to load Cord Wood for the Use of the Garrison at Louisburg having two Sailors, a french Pilot & ten Soldiers on board for his Assistance; And in prosecuting the Said Voyage at eight a Clock at Night the Wind arose at East & by North making a Storm, & thereupon the Complainant brought the Sloop too within Six Leagues of Canso the Storm continuing for two days, & on the fifth day of Nov^r^ instant the Complainant stood in to make the Land, And at four a Clock in the Afternoon the Complainant & his Mate being in the Cabbin, the ten Soldiers & two Sailors Shut them up in the Cabbin & would not Suffer them to come upon Deck until they had let out the Sloop's Reefs, & stood to the Westward & Swore

they would not go to Cape Breton again, a List of the Soldiers Names being herewith Exhibited

And on Wednesday last the said Sloop arrived at Newbury where she now lyes. —— Your Complainant therefore most humbly prays your Honour's Consideration of the Premises & that what to Justice Appertains may be done therein

And the Complainant shall ever pray

THOMAS DIAMOND

Boston Nov^{r} 22. 1745

William White Isaac Goodell Amos Fullway Obadiah Pond Nicholas Nichols	Connecticutt Soldiers
Nathan Daw David Page Benj^{a} Shaw John Frink —— Swan	New Hampshire Soldiers

The other two the Complainant knows not their Names

Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secry

JOHN STODDARD'S LETTER. *

S^{r}

last monday we wrote to Cap^{t} Williams Acquainting him that an Army of French & Indians had destroyed All our Settlements at Surratoge†, Since that we have had A more particular Acco^{t} from an Indian who was prisoner but made his Escape, he

* Perhaps written to Roger Wolcott.

† Saratoga was destroyed November 17, 1745.

informs us that he was taken prisoner when he was A Sleep by five french men & twelve Indians that A Chief Indian Among the Enemy told him y^{t} the Gov^{r} of Montreal Sent that Army consisting of Six Hundred men to go Against New England but when they came to the High Mountains the Snow was knee deep which discouraged them So they resolved to go Against Scahcook & Surratoge but fearing to be discovered resolved not to divide their Army so went with the whole against Surrahtoge that before they had got there they had taken our out Scouts by our best information About thirty of our people are Escaped about Seventy missing how many killed we Cannot Yet hear but they have A good many prisoners it Seems to be Certain that Cap^{t} Philip Schuyler is among the kill'd, this is the best Acco^{t} we have yet About one Hundred & thirty men went from hence Immediately they found every thing destroy'd two white bodys & one black who had been scalped they found Several bones of People burn't

The foregoing is A letter from the Comm^{rs} of Indian Affairs

The following are Some passages out of M^{r} John H Lydias's Letter

after all the Damage was done they remained drinking & were drunk at my House So that they might if dilligence had been made Easily cut off & destroy'd before they were Sober & departed I was the very first that came to Surratoge in Company of twelve voluntiers where we were Searching about the Ruins of that Miserable Object by my Judgment as the Tracts thrô the Swamps as Also by the Number of their fires I did not Judge them to Exceed two Hundred men for none but my Self hath been to the Carrying Place but my Self Accompany'd with

nine men where this was to be Seen to my computation I find they have kill'd & taken ninety Odd white & blacks

A Large body of French & Indians have unexpected to us Attack[d] burnt & Destroy'd All Surratoge together with my house & All near to the Same which last Place of Mine there was not as much as A fowl Alive even my Apple trees the Enemy hath destroy'd they have taken my Son & Serv[ts] captives as I am Informed to Canada —— this last Paragraph Should have been Coppyed first from M[r] Lydiass Letter

M[r] Sergeant Saith in his Letter that he has rec[vd] a Letter from M[r] Barclay who tells him that the Indians that made their Escape say that there were about 400 french and 240 Indians

J STODDARD

[Indorsed] M[r] Lydias &c:

ALLEN AND FOSTER'S LETTER*.

A Paragraph of a letter Dated fort Massachusetts Nov[br] 23—1745

Directed to Lieut[nt] Catlin the Commandant now at Deerf[d] and was written by Serj[nt] Joseph Allin.

S[r] I would Inform you that the Dutch Inform us that there is two Indians come in which was taken at Surratogo who Inform them that there is three Hundred Indians & french out now, the Indians broke away in the night & Came into Albany, I would farther Inform you that Hoosuck is all broke up Some are fled to Albany & Some to our fort we are So full that we are forced to Stow like Cordwood.

* Perhaps written to Roger Wolcott.

& by Another letter dated Novr 24th 1745 from Fort Pelham the accot is as follows.

Sr I have this minut recd two Letters from Sergt Jos: Allen by the hand of Absalom Scott & one Burr one to Your Self desiring You to Convey to Lieut Catlin with all Speed whereupon I have Sent down you may See his letter which I think is a Short Accot I am informed by the Post that two Scahtecook Indians that were taken at the destruction of Surratogo broke away from the Army up near about Crown point & fled to the City of Albany & give this Account (viz) that Old Cohconshawit was kill'd in the fight & all that Lydias had at his fort is destroy'd & the Fort burnt to Ashes & that the Army Consisted of Six Hundred fighting men & were designed for Deerfield had not this Snow prevented them, & now three Hundred of them are gone home with the Captives & Spoil & the other three Hundred are turned off as they Say for Some of our frontiers the Indians names that got away are Richard that Came to Hoosuck Interpreter last Spring when the Indians came to discourse with Capt Bill Williams & Wampenoose. Capt Schuyler of Surratogo was Kill'd in the fight & Lydias's Son is taken Captive.

from Yos to Commd

JOHN FOSTER

[Indorsed] from J Allen and foster Novr 23d 1745.

GEORGE CLINTON TO SPENCER PHIPS.

New York 25 Nov 1745

Sir

I received an Express last Tuesday from Albany that Saraghtoge (a settlement of this province Bordering upon your Frontiers) was cutt off by a Party of

French and Indians, I had too great reason to believe this would be our Fate, and upon my Return from Albany I sent the Assembly a Message to Guard timely against it and even now sent them another message with this news, wherein among other things I desired that immediate incouragement should be given to the six Nations to go to War upon my orders to which they have paid no greater Regard than Voted a fort to be Built in the Carrying place to be Garrisoned with 100 men and Covered with 200 men while a Building.

Last night I received another Express Acquainting me with the Damages that Settlement has Sustained with the Numbers of the Dead and those taken prisoners which I herewith Inclose and to which I can now only Refer the Assembly having the Consequence of this Invasion under their Consideration.

I now begin to have the Assembly will become sensible of the Danger We are in by this Insult and that they will provide properly for our Defence in Conjunction with our Neighbours of which I shall Send you notice by the first opportunity

I am Sir

your very humble servt

G. CLINTON

The Honble PHIPS Esqr

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J WILLARD Secy

[Indorsed] Copy of Govr Clintons from Govr Phipps 1745 Decbr

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON November 25. 1745

Sir,

This is to acquaint your Honour that I have just now received Advices that a great Body of French & Indians have fallen upon the Frontiers of the Government of New York, & cut off a Vilage called Sarratogo consisting of about thirty Families; and 'tis expected that they will not go off without attacking our Frontiers; Therefore I must trust that your Government will give us all necessary & seasonable Succour in so dangerous a Crisis: I am also to inform you that a Number of Soldiers belonging to the Governments of New Hampshire & Connecticut were by the Government at Louisbourg sent as a Guard to the Sloop Dolphin Thomas Diamond Master to proceed to the Gut of Canso for Cord Wood for the Garrison at Louisbourg, & that they rose against the Master & Seamen and forced them to New England instead of proceeding on the said Business: A Copy of Diamonds Memorial I now send you. A Case of this Nature happened by reason of the rising of Soldiers raised in this Province against the Master and Seamen of another Sloop, upon which I issued a Proclamation for apprehending the said Soldiers, a Copy whereof I also send you.

I am Sir,
Your Honours most obedient
humble Servant
S PHIPS

The hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Phipps 9^br^ 25 1745

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 25th Novr 1745

Sir

I received an Express last Tuesday from Albany that Saraghtoge (a Settlement in this Province bordering upon your Frontiers) was cut off by a Party of French & Indians: I had too great reason to believe this would be our Fate, and upon my Return from Albany, I sent the Assembly a Message timely to guard agt it, and even now sent them a Message with this News, wherein, among other things, I desired that immediate Encouragement should be given to the Six Nations to go to War upon my orders, to which they then paid no greater Regard, then voting a Fort to be built at the Carrying Place, to be garrisoned with 100 Men, & covered with 200 more while a Building.

I now begin to hope the Assembly will become sensible of the danger we are in by this Insult, and that they will provide properly for our Defence, in conjunction with our Neighbours of which I shall send you Notice by the first Oppertunity.

Last Night I received another Express acquainting me with the Damages Saraghtoge has Sustained with the Numbers of the Dead & those taken Prisoners, which I herewith inclose, and to which I can only now refer. the Assembly having the consequence of this Invasion under their farther Consideration

I am Sir

Your very humble Servant

G CLINTON

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons Letter 9br 25 1745

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT

N^TH HAMPTON Nov^br 25 1745
at one of the Clock in y^e Morning

S^r,

I Rec^vd Yours of Oct^br 29, but have had no oppertunity to send an answer, and now I have not Liesure. Just now I Rec^vd an Express with the Inclosed, and on last fryday night I had a Copy of a Letter from M^r Sergeant of Stockbridge which Saith that that Minute they had an Express from Albany giving them an account that the Tracks of a great number of the Enemy were discovered on this side of Hoosuck, (which I take to be on the South side next to Stockbridge) and that they expected the Enemy every Hour. but no account from whom the Letter came, or how the discovery was made.

my Informations are so uncertain that it^s difficult to determine what measures are necessary to be taken but you having all my Intelligence may possibly as well determine as I can. if the Enemy should make an Attack on our frontiers I fear they will make Sad Havock. you may be sencible that the frontiers are left too Naked by your mens being drawn off unseasonably. and can tell whither Connect^ct expect that we wholly Protect the frontiers.

I am S^r Your most Humble Servant
JOHN STODDARD

[Superscribed] To His Hon^r ROGER WOOLCOT Esq^r at Windsor on His Majest^s Service

[Indorsed] From Coll^o John Stodard Nov^r 24 1745

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG Novem^r 26^th^ 1745

Sir

His Grace the Duke of New Castle having by his Letter of the 10^th^ August signified to me, that their Excellencys the Lords Justices had been pleasd to recommend me to his Majesty (then at Hanover) to be appointed Governour of Lewisbourg, and that I may expect my Commission for that Purpose by the next Opportunity; therefore as this Garrison is much weakened, by the return home of several of the New England Forces, and by Sickness, which is common to all Towns that have been for any Time beseig'd tho otherwise very healthy as is the Case of this by all accounts:

And as his Majesty has shewn the highest Satisfaction in the Reduction of this important Garrison to his Obedience, by his American Subjects in Conjunction with a Squadron of his Ships so he has manifested his Royal Intention to protect it against any Attempts that may be made by the French to recover It, by ordering immediately two Reigments from Gibralter, under a strong Convoy, and several Ordinance, and other Store Ships from England, with all manner of necessarys, proper for the Support of the Troops and Garrison; all which may be dayly expected here, if the Season should not prevent them: in such Case tis probable they may winter in the West Indies, where those Regiments may be disabled by Sickness, and other Disasters, & probably not arrive so early in the Spring, as to prevent any attempt upon us by the Enemy, who I am credibly informd are at this Time in motion at Canada, with a Design to attack us this Winter, or very early in the Spring.

Therefore in order to frustrate all their Designs,

and do every thing that human Prudence can suggest for the Security of this important Acquisition, I hope upon this my Representation the same laudable Zeal, w^ch^ animated you and your Legislature to undertake this Expedition, will induce you to take all proper Measures to preserve an Acquisition of such Consequence to our Country, in General, & to all the Colonys in particular.

The properest Method I can think of to support it, is immediately to raise in your Government as many Men as you can to be here the begining of March at farthest, provided with a Quota of Provisions for their own support, for two, or three Months, least by any means we should be shortned here. Any expence that you may be at upon this Occasion, or any other for the support of this Garrison, I apprehend it in the power of General Peperell, and me, to defray, by Bills of Exchange upon the Government at home, and that you may be clearer in this my Apprehension, I send you the Paragraph of his Grace the Duke of Newcastles Letter that empowers us to draw for the Expences of this Garrison. Whatever Terms you shall make with such Men as you raise for this Service shall be punctually observed and complyd with, whether they chuse to serve the King, for any limited Time, in the American Forces (of whom his Majesty has it under his Royal Consideration to establish one, or more Regiments, for the Encouragement of the Officers, and Men, that have or shall distinguish themselves) or return, or chuse to stay as Inhabitants, and settle here upon such Encouragement, as by his Majesty's Instructions, I shall be hereafter impowered to give.

I am sorry that the Terms of Governour Shirley's Proclamation upon the first Inlestment of the Soldiers

for this Expedition coud not be complyd with in the Sence in which many (I dont say with what Colour of Reason) have construd them. the only way to have obviated this Subject of Complaint, would have been (as his Majesty coud not immediately take this Place under his own Protection) to have raisd, and sent a fresh body of Men to have releived such of the Troops, as had an Inclination to return home.

The Disapointment the trading People have met with here, has given no one more uneasyness than myself. When the Garrison is put on a regular Footing, a Free Port opened, and a Civil Government established (as I imagine the Case will be, having recommended it in the strongest manner) the Trafick that may be carryed on here, must be of a very considerable advantage to the Neighbouring Collonys.

I take this Opportunity to congratulate you, upon the happy Success Governour Clinton, & the other Commissioners have had in their Negotiations with the six Nations.

Governour Shirley, and I have sent some Captive Indians to consult with those of Nova Scotia, upon the Terms of a Peace that they themselves have proposed, and I dare hope this Step will have a good effect, espetialy as I have the Assurances of the Duke of New Castle that proper Presents may be expected from England, for those People.

I cannot conclude without observing that it appears to me to be of the greatest Moment towards securing, and rendering this Acquisition most extensively useful to his Majestys Subjects, that the Gentleman to whom the Government of this Garrison is intrusted, shoud (at least during the Warr, or till the Country is well Peopled) be an Officer who has the Command at Sea, who woud by that means always be sure of

Men as well as Shiping & Materials requisite to annoy the Enemy in their Navigation, to Canada, and I flatter myself It is no unfortunate Event for this Place or the Collonys in General (whose Interest I have greatly at heart) that I am, at this Critical Juncture, appointed to act in both those stations, tho' that of Governour is so disagreeable to me, that I shall use all my Endeavours to be relievd as soon as possible

You will do me the Justice to believe that my Zealous Attachment to the Interests of his Majesty, and his American Provinces would alone induce me to promote to the utmost of my Abilitys, every thing I judged conducive thereto; be pleasd nevertheless to observe that I am authorized, in the fullest manner, by his Grace the Duke of New Castles Letter w^ch^ I formerly sent you dated at Whitehall Jan^y^ 3^d^ 1744/5 to make this Application to you.

I am with great Regard Sir
Your most Obed^t^
hum Serv^t^
P WARREN

The Hon^ble^ Jon^a^ Law Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Governour Warrens Letter of y^e^ 26^th^ of Novemb^r^ 1745 to Gov^r^ Law.

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^th^ Hampton Nov^r^ 27 1745

S^r^,

I Rec^vd^ yours of yesterday, and a Letter from the Commissioners at Albany &c a Copy of which I Enclose, they say nothing of part of the Armys turning off for frontiers, and yet notwithstanding, I Believe that part of them did turn off, but I am prone to think that the Indians misjudged of their design.

I rather imagine that the Army came by the way of Otter-Creek and left their Cannoes near the head of it, and soon after turned toward Surratogo, and that the three Hundred returned back the way that they came to carry back their Canoes to Crown Point, it is probable that if they designed for our frontiers we should have heard something of them before this time.

I perceive that you don't purpose that the men you are Sending Should make any Considerable tarry. I am to seek what service it may be of for men to come Eighty or a hundred Miles and tarry only a few days unles we were confident that the Enemy would come in that time. I am of Opinion that this way of Warring will ruin us. the frontiers must be Strongly Manned and that constantly, they must have no dependance on Succours from any distant places, to be sent after the Enemy are discovered, but must have a number Steadily there for their Defence at least. we must expect no notice ordinarily of the approach of an Enemy but from our Scouts, for the Intercourse between Albany and Canada is now cut off, and we may not depend on having Intelligence from Albany as formerly. if the Government of Connect^ct^ think fit to send a number of men Sufficient to man some of the Block-Houses or to Garrison some of the Forts on Connect^ct^ River, and from them to Maintain good Scouts it may be of good Service Provided you send Officers that can Govern them. but if our frontiers are not better covered than at present I expect that some place will be destroyed before Spring.

I had no design to enter into any dispute whither Connect^ct^ did its proportion or not. but certain it is that their Souldiers were drawn off Suddainly, with-

out such notice that we could Supply their places reasonably. if Connect^cts maintaining near sixty men in the Service 8 or 10 weeks (we Subsisting them) be a Proportion to our Maintaining and Subsisting above a thousand men all the Summer, and good part of those men all the year then I must agree with you that they have done their part. but according to my notion of figures, your Charge for the defence of the frontiers for a year past has not been so much as one to Eighty of ours, and it is now likely that we must be at a much greater expence than last year.

I am S^r Your very Humble Servant
JOHN STODDARD

Deputy Gov^nr WOOLCOTT.

the Billetting a Souldier at the Block-houses costs almost as much as the wages amounts to, and the pay of sixty men ten weeks is about equal to the pay of Seven men one year. and when you have considered it I am apt to think you won't esteem that your part. J S.

[Indorsed] From Coll° Stodard Nov^r 27 1745

THOMAS CLAP* TO JONATHAN LAW.

N HAVEN Nov 28^th 1745

Hon^d Sir

This waits on Your Honour to Inform You, that D^r Hubbard was at my House to day, and told me, that he had taken up and sent to Goal a Stragling Frenchman, who says he was taken by Capt Rouse and brought a Prisoner into Boston and put out at Framingham and from thence he run away and is

*Mr. Clap was at this time Rector of Yale College, a position analogous to the present office of President.

going to Canada, but it seems most likely that he is a Spy come from Canada. he is a Cunning bold Fellow can talk latin well, and has given bad advice to the French men here I advised the Dr to write to your Honour for your orders but he happened to be Called away. I have ventured to send this Information to Your Honour

I am Your Honors most Humble Servant

THOMAS CLAP

[Superscribed] For the Honble Jonathan Law Esqr Governour att Milford

[Indorsed] Mr Clapps Letter 9br 28 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS CLAP.

Milford Novmr ye 28 1745

Revd Sir

Yours of this date I Just Recd The French man Should be Secured whether he be Spy or prisoner since he designs for Canady on his Examination about ye way in which he Came may detect him on Sufficient Enquiry. this messenger may possibly have Some oppertunity

In hast I Subscribe

Your humble Servant

J. LAW

To Mr Thoms Clapp

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Clapp 9br 28 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAR.

MILFORD Novembr ye 28th 1745

Gentlemen

The inclosed accts Just Come to hand from Govr Clinton the care of the Frontiers is lodged with you, last Friday night I had an accts from Coll Minor directed him to send from his Regiment what Strength could be Spared, on Suturday morning I Sent Sixty under Capt Fowler and our Troop & 45 from Derby ours Returned on Sabbath day night, wt numbers you Sent have no Certain acts nor where they are A french man is this day Committed att New-Haven under Suspicion of his being a Spy. Coll Fitch has declined ye Service Coll Buckley takes time to Consider, Agent Palmer you See thinks he wants nothing but an order to ask for a Reimbursement hope you are not wanting to prepare ye Evidence of our Disburstments

I am your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

To Coll STANLY and the rest of ye Comtee of Warr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Comtee of Warr 9br 28 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD Novmr ye 28th 1745

Sr

This afternoon I Recd yours of the 25th Instant, Shall forthwith Send your accts to our Comtee of warr at Hartford who have ye Care of the Frontiers, last fryday night I was Informed that Stockbridge was besett with 600 ffrench & Indians, and immediately ordered ye Coll of our norwest Regiment to proceed to yr Relief and 100 from hence with our Troop which are Since Returned hearing it to be a mis-

take, and that the Danger was where you Inform me tis reported that 300 went from Hartford and are in Quest of them this day a french man was Committed att New-Haven on Suspicion of being a Spy

I Subscribe

Your Excellencys humble Servant

JONTH LAW

To GEORGE CLINTON Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr CLINTON 28th of 9br 1745

JOHN HUBBARD* TO JONATHAN LAW.

N HAVEN 29 Novbr 1745

May it Please your Honour,

On the 27th Inst two credible Persons inform'd me that there then was in this Town a French Vagrant who had been practising with the Captives here & had rendered them uneasy: that he was very insolent in his Behaviour. I thot it my Duty to inform myself of ye man's Business here, and accordingly sent for him. Upon his Examination he says, yt he was taken by Capt Rouse, that he has been some Time in Goal at Boston, and at Service in the Country: yt he was cheated of his Wages by Col. Pollard (?), and hardly dealt with: yt he tho't it best to make off and get Home if he Could: yt he was born at Rhoan: now belongs to Montroyal in Canada; has there a Wife and Family: calls himself Louis Devorie. I suppos'd, his being a Captive and travailing without a Passport a Sufficient Reason without any other Consideration to Confine him: I accordingly sent him to Goal. He appears a very sharp Fellow and Capable of Mischief: speak English intelligibly. I am, since his Confinement, inform'd by Mr Ingersol

* Mr. Hubbard was a resident of New Haven, prominent in both civil and military affairs.

of this Place, who has conversed with him, that he speak Latin very well: y^t^ he was bred to the Seas: that he has been a Boatswain, a Mate and a Master of a Ship. The Bearer waits your Honour's Orders concerning this Man, which I shall execute with all possible Cheerfulness, and am your Honour's dutiful humble Servant

JOHN HUBBARD

To the Hon^ble^ J LAW Esq^r^ &c

[Superscribed] To The Hon^ble^ JN^THN^ LAW Esq^r^ Governour &c at Milford

[Indorsed] Capt Hubbards Letter 9^br^ 1745.

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Nov^r^ 29^th^ 1745

*Hon^ble^ S^r^*

yours by M^r^ Baldwin I rec^d^ and Shall Spedely Acquaint the Coñitte of Warr there with; we met last wensday and Concluded to Send 60 men in to y^e^ County of Hampshier fearing that the Army that destroyed Seretough or Some part of them might turn their Cours to the Eastward & fall upon Some of the English Setelments there, but by Some late Advice we are of y^e^ minde they are all returned to Crown point, & So have Stoped the Souldiers march for the present, but fear it will not be long before we have them down again; I expect in a Short time we Shall be Sent to for Souldiers to Garrison in the frontears the pernicious fort at Crown point being So Situate that they Can In a Short time travil to y^e^ Uper Settlements in Hampshier County, and again make of with out much dainger; I hope the Coñitte of warr hear will be directed to do that which may be for y^e^ best

I am S^r^ your Honr^s^ Humble Ser^vtt^

NATH^LL^ STANLY

[Indorsed by Law] Coll^l^ Stanlys 9^br^ 29 1745

JACOBUS SWARTWOUT TO GEORGE CLINTON.?

Extract of Major Swartwout's Letter dated Minisink 2d December 1745 in the province of New York.

I thought it my Duty to mak known to your Eccellency the Report which hath been made known to me by two particular Indians. tho not both together and is followeth vizt First one Lamuit came to my House where I live in Minising and saith in Sobriety and Sincerity that there came a young Indian from the French Town or Settlement of the Branch of Mississippi which I think is called the West Branch and told me that the young Indian told him, that the French and the French Indians had made a great House full of Snow Shoes, I Asked further of Lamuit what he said they were designed for, the young Indian Answered that their design was as soon as the Snow Came, to destroy Albany, Soapus & Minising and likewise the Frontiers of Jersey & Pensylvania, Whereupon a few day's after One Roghso an Indian of his Own Accord in Sobriety Confirmed the same Relation abt the 18th day of November last

JACOBUS SWARTWOUT

Ext ℔ Jno Catherwood Secry

[Indorsed] Jacobus Swartwout Decbr Novbr 18 1745

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston Decr 2 1745

Sir,

The Inland Frontiers of this Province are from their Situation so much exposed to the French & Indian Enemy, that the Government are obliged to be almost continually employed in projecting or executing Methods for the Security or Defence of the Inhabitants; And as the Frontiers of the Governmt

of Connecticutt are also exposed to the same common Enemy, I doubt not but the Government there are & will be engaged to the like necessary Care for their Inhabitants.

At the beginning of the French War there seem'd to be so much of a peaceable Dispostion in the several Tribes of Indians that the People of this Province began to flatter themselves, they should remain in some degree of Security & be free from the Calamities they had suffered in former Wars; but they soon found themselves disappointed, and the Indians, under the Influence of the French, notwithstanding all their Engagements to the contrary, perpetrated many Acts of Hostility & Barbarity which rendred it absolutely necessary for me to declare War, against them; a Copy which Declaration I immediately sent to your Honour.

I have lately by Expresses from the Western Parts of this Province been informed, that a large Body of the same Enemy have fallen upon the Frontiers of the Province of New York & kill'd & carried away Captive a great Number of the Inhabitants. This proceeding will I doubt not induce your Honour likewise to a Declaration of War against them, & will also Influence the People of your Province readily to come into Measures for prosecuting such a War in an effectual Manner.

Upon my Communicating the Contents of these Expresses to the Assembly of this Province they have desired me to write to your Honour & acquaint you that they are (as they always have been) in a disposition to concert measures with the Governments of New York, Connecticutt, New Hampshire & Rhode Island for their mutual Protection, either by appointing Commissioners to treat for that purpose with such

as may be appointed by the other Governments, to meet on the Borders of this Province, or in Connecticutt or any other Place that may be agreed on, or by any other ways & means, that may be thought more proper. And they have likewise desired me to engage your Honour to engage the Governour of New York to engage the Indians of the six Nations immediately to Make use of the Hatchet against the French & the Indians in the French Interest.

It has long been the Opinion of the People of this Pro that the best Method of prosecuting the War, & the most effectual way to secure our own Frontiers, will be to distress & annoy the Frontiers of the Enemy, for it is certain that with the Assistance of the Indians in Our Interest, we can do equal & greater Mischief to the French Frontiers which are Settled in a scatter'd and defenceless manner, than they can do to Ours; And I doubt not we should soon tire them of carrying on the War in this barbarous inhuman manner; And if they will come with an Army & fight us in a fair open manner we are able & ready to match them. There seems likewise to be greater reason now than ever to Act offensively against them as they have unjustly extended their Settlements & built a strong Fort in that Country which, by the Treaty of Utrecht is expressly determined to belong to the Crown of Great Britain, and if not interrupted they will in time grow to be most formidable Neighbours to these Governments.

These are Points which I thought it necessary & am desired by the Assembly to write your Honour upon; And I pray you to communicate them to the Assembly of your Colony, that I may be favoured with an Answer, that so I may lay the same before

our Assembly at their next Meeting which I expect will be after a very short Recess.

I am Sir

Your Honour's most

Obed^{t} hum^{le} Servant

S PHIPS

The Hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAWS Esq^{r}

PETER BOURS* TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEWPORT Dec^{br} 6th 1745

S^{r}

As I have now a good and safe Opportunity of conveying You a Letter by M^{r} Anderson I am in the first Place to return you Thanks for the civil and kind usage I lately rec^{d} from you and to inclose you some Samples of Cloth with the Prices annexed to them, that with the Account or Computation of y^{e} Cost of a Coat and Breeches annexed to it is five Quarters wide as is also the dark olive coloured Piece of Cloth of seven pounds per yard, the smallest Piece of blue Cloth of five pounds per yard is but yard wide, the Computation of y^{e} number of yards &c for a Coat & Breeches annexed to the large Piece supposes the Cloath to be five Quarters wide, please to determine which I shall procure for you, it is my Opinion that the largest Piece of blue Cloth with a gold gilt Button is y^{e} most suitable tho' they have blue mohair Buttons, but all our Gentry esteem the former, however I shall be ruled by your Judgment and obey your orders as soon as I have them.

Gov^{r} Shirley is not yet arrived from Cape Breton neither were the English Forces arrived there twelve Days ago some of the men of war you are sensible

* Mr. Bours was at this time Speaker of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

were ordered Home to convoy the East India Ships, they put into Newfoundland and had a Condemnation in the Admiralty Court passed on the East India Ships which occasions much Speculation here.

This Day we have an Account by a Vessel arrived at marblehead from the West Indies that Admiral Townshend with his Fleet consisting of Sixteen sail twelve of them ships of the Line and four thousand Land forces had actually got Possession of S^{t} Peers the largest Town on martineco, the news is credited.

I shall be ready at all Times to testify my Regard for your Person by doing you any good officies in my Power pray make use of me whenever I may be serviceable, pray make my Compliments acceptable to your Spouse and Family and be assured that I am with great Esteem

Honoured S^{r},

Your Obed^{t} hum^{e} Serv^{t}

PETER BOURS

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR Dec^{r} 9th 1745

S^{r}

Two of your Hon^{rs} Letters have Come to the Comitte for the war which I have not yett answered it is not because I have not the Greatest pleasure in maintaining a Letterall Corrispondance with your Hon^{r} but because the Express you send is Gott back again to Milford Long enough before I Knew that he sett out

by yours we are Informd Coll^{o} Fitch declines the Agency and I hear Coll^{o} Bulkly has done the same No thing Can Excuse them for this unless it be they

have your Hon^rs Example for it I wish they had had Less witt or more Courage if the former we should not have Chose them if the Latter they Woud have gone

you are Concerned to have the acc^ts of the Disbursements on the Late Expedition perfected and put forward the Gentlemen have done their utmost but the Comisarys Dont send in their acc^ts however the Materialls are in that roudiness that I shall Wonder if it be not Compleat by the Latter end of this Kings Reign or the begining of the next and I hope sooner

Since the Desolation of Suraytogre several Letters have passed between Coll^o Stodard and myself with respect to the frontiers he has Not sent for men but Informes of the Danger of the frontiers which he Expects will some of them be Cutt off before spring unless better Defended and that we may Do well to Garason one of their forts or block houses I am at a Loss about it we have 13 forts of our own and have Never adopted any in that Government but have sent them Assistance when they Call up the News of the Enemy and sometimes to Garason for a time I have represented to him the Necessity of haveing snow shoes prepared without which one Garason Cant follow another nor Contend with nor follow the Enemy but at utter Disadvantage upon his Answer I Expect we must send men for their relief

The Carriage of your Hon^rs Letters to the Agent is very unfortunate M^r Mason has sent a Letter Informing that matters Look with a favorable prospect on his side but no tryall yett he Gives his service to his friends and d[ ] his Enemys (Theres Courage for you) I observe the Agent speaks [ ]

one Word about him and tis not so much Wonder since our pap[ ] have Miscarryed I think your Hon[r] may do well to repeat your Letters and to Lett him Know what has been sent I hope your Last pacquett with the book is Gott safe if otherwise if it be known that it has been sent it may Lay a foundation to Give us time to send it

I have no News but a story that Martineco is taken which I wish more than believe is true I also hear that some of the Brain sick people at Windham have Declared for a Comunity of Wives their Number is but few and I hope will shew us all how Dangerous it is to suffer our passions to Lead us beyond the Guidance of scripture and Reason I am

Your Hon[rs] Most obliged
very Humble servant
R WOLCOT

To JON[ATH] LAW Esq[r]

[Superscribed] To The Hon[able] JONATHAN LAW Esq[r] In Milford

[Indorsed] D Gov[r] Wolcott Dec[br] 9 1745

WESTERN CONNECTICUT PETITION TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAR.

To the Hon[ble] Comm[ttee] of war

The Sence we have not only of the Disadvantage of frequent Alarms, but also of the Danger, we with the rest of the frontiers are continually in from the Enemy at Crown Point, who can Soon come down and that undiscovered, obliges us with Submission to Propose to your Honours an Expedition to Crown Point we find the People in these Towns Spiritted for it, believe Many men May be had as voluntiers from amongst us. The winter we percieve

must be the time for Reducing Crown point, for this Reason viz: because of the Bog Meadow of about thirty Miles which we understand cant be pased with Cannon and Stores in the Summer time Captn Williams of Stockbridge with Mr John Lyddius are tomorrow Setting out to Boston upon the Business of an Expedition if Possible it can be accomplished, and without the Reduction of that place we cant flatter ourselves with hopes Either of Quiet or Safety. And if your Honours Think fit to take it into your wise Consideration, & order any Service to be done in order to promote the Same, we Stand Ready to use our Interest and Endeavours as far as Possible we can for the Safety and Peace of ourselves and the good of our Country; which we are always ready to advance by all that Lies in the Power of your Honours Dutiful Servts

DAVID WHITNEY
JOHN WILLIAMS
THOS CHIPMAN
JOHN SPRAGUE
SAMUEL BEEBE

SALSBURY Decr 10th 1745

[Superscribed] This To The Honored Comitt of war Living at Wiser and at Harlford

[Indorsed] Copy abt Crown point 10th 1745

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 12th Decr 1745

Sir

I herewith send you an Extract of a Letter which I received the 10th Instant Whereby you may Observe that if Albany should be cutt off by the

Secret Designs of the Enemy, nothing less can be expected than a Revolt of the Six Nations of Indians from their Engagements to the British Interest; and shou'd that be the Case, The Frontiers of all His Majesty's Colonys on the Continent must openly be exposed to the Incursions of the French and the Insults of the Indians under their Influence.

Wherefore I am of Opinion that it behoves each Respective Governour upon this Continent, not only to be Watchful for the Safety of their Governments, but be also in a Readiness to assist their Neighbours, for his Majesty's Service, against any sudden Attack of the Enemy, of which a Settlement on the Frontiers of this province is (to my great concern) too early an Instance, and which might, in all probability, have been avoided, had the Assembly given a Due Attention to my Forewarnings of Such Misfortunes.

These Tidings I think incumbent on you to Communicate to your Neighbouring Governour as soon as possible, And for that end, I have transmitted this by Express.

I am very much Sir
Your obedient humble servant
G CLINTON

The Hon^ble^ JON^N^ LAW Esq^r^

[Superscribed] On His Majesty's Service To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ Governour of Connecticut at Millford

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Clinton Dec^br^ 12 1745 and Copy to him

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH HAMPTON Dec^br 12 1745

S^r,

I thought it proper once more to Write to let you know that we are apprehensive that the Enemy have a design to attack some of our frontiers, I am pretty well Satisfyed and Indian was seen at different times, a fortnight or three weeks ago at a place called Green River in Deerfield, and last Sabbath Evening (as I take it) some Body found (within Sixty or Seventy rods of the Meeting House) a Piece of a Bear skin such as they frequently wear round their Bodies not only to keep them warm, but to be an ease to their Backs when they carry their Packs, it appeared fresh, and not at all Weather beaten, the next Morning seve men acquainted with such things went and Searched for tracks, who found plain tracks where they came over Deerfield River and returned and where they Jump'd down the Bank, at a little distance from a path, the men Judged there were two or three of the Indians. these must be thought to come as Spies, and if they carry back encouraging News we may expect to hear of a Body of the Enemy in a short time, but we can only Guess whither they were sent from an Army, or whither they were to return to Crown Point before the Army was to set out. but I have some Hopes that if they observe our Motions they will conclude that their design is discovered. Yesterday I sent twenty five men from Hadley to Deerf^ld to protect them and to Scout up Green River beyond the Line of Forts, and have Ordered Ensign Wright of Northf^ld to take five or six Sprightly men to go to Fort Dummer and thence Westwardly to the Crotch of West River, where the Enemy have formerly frequently come.

the Scout is to be repeated. the people of Deerf[ld] are so Alarmed, that I hope they will take Prudent care of themselves, yet if an Army should come they will Probably ruin the Town by destroying their Buildings, Cattle, and Corn.

I sent an Express to Boston the night before last; there seems too great insensibleness in some that should take Care of our Protection, and since men don't use proper means for our Defence I hope it will not be presumption in us to Depend on Providence without the use of proper Means.

I am your very Humble Servant
JOHN STODDARD

[Superscribed] On His Maj[ts] Service To His Hon[ur] Roger Wolcott Esq[r] Deputy Gov[ur] of Connect[ct] Att Hartford

[Indorsed] from Collo Stodard Dec[r] 12[th] 1745

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

I have rec[d] both your favours of the 12th of October and 5[th] of Nov[br]. In answer to y[e] first I beg leave to Assure you that my representation of the Services of all his Majestys American Subjects Concern'd in the Expedition against this place to y[e] Ministry and even to all my friends both publick and Private, has been the Most just, favourable, and Impartial, y[t] coud have been given; and I flatter myself you will find the same favour with his Majesty, that the rest of the Colonys hope for; which is, that of a reimbursment of their several Expenses, an Incouragement for the officers and People, y[t] were Instrumental in the reduction of so valuable an Acquisition, and his Majestys gracious Approbation and satisfaction in the Affection and Loyalty of his Amer-

ican subjects, than whom (he has) I am assured none More attatch[d] to his Interests, and that of his Royal famaly; my good Offices as far as they Can reach shall never be wanting to promote the Interest of the Colonys, with some Partiality (I must own) to those who have with so Laudable a zeal, Enter'd into an Expedition of such Consequence and Expense as this has been. During my stay here, which I hope will not be longer than next summer (if my application to be recal'd has the Weight I flatter myself) you may depend that all my application shall be Exerted in promoting the Welfare of this Colony and making it a Beneficial Mart of Trade, to those Colonys y[t] deserve it most, in doing which I shall have particular regard to y[e] Person & the Matter you reccomend; I have wrote to him, and I think if any thing coud be done for Major Gen[ll] Walcott, Col[o] Burr, or any of those Gentlemen that were actualy upon the Expedition, I woud with pleasure contribute every thing in my Power thereto; as well as to Serve those by whose Influence and Application the Troops were raised and a provision Made for their support and Transportation to this place.

In Answer to your second favour of the 5[th] of November, I must beg you will return my hearty Thanks to y[e] Legislature of your Colony and assure them of the grateful Sense which I shall always retain for their Good Oppinion of My Conduct, which I flatter myself will on all Occasions be so Just and Impartial as to give no room for a Charge or forfeture of their Esteem, which they have shown in their Proclamation for a Thanksgiving upon the reduction of this Colony (which you have sent me) in a manner which I have not the vanity to think y[e] little share I had in this affair deserves, I shall al-

ways be proud to keep up a mutual Correspondence with you both for his Majestys, and the service of your Colony, and if at any time I can serve it I beg youl freely Command me, as I have nothing more at heart than the Consideration of the Best Method of makeing this Acquisition as useful and advantagious to our Colonys and mother Country as it is Capable, so I have taken the Lyberty to recomend to the ministry at home to Establish a Civil Government and a free Port here, under a man of honour and Humanity, with a Tolleration to all Protestants of every denomination in the Manner which they now Enjoy it in New England, and his grace the duke of New Castle Informs me, all the propositions I have Made for the Speedy Settlement of this Acquisition are laid before his Majesty and the ministry, and that no time will be lost in Comeing to a Determination upon them, which his grace will Transmit to Me, and I suppose with proper Instructions for Makeing a just and Equitable distribution of the Soil, to such of his Majestys subjects as shall be willing to settle here, giveing the Conquerors, the first Choice, as I realy think they deserve. If I shoud leave this goverment before the Execution of such his Majestys Instructions, I shall do it with no reluctance if a man of Integrety succeeds Me, for much Will depend upon the Justice of the Person in whom so Great a Trust shall be reposed. I have recomended another thing y^t^ in my Apprehension will greatly Contribute to y^e^ makeing this a flourishing Collony & that is the Ordering all our West India and American Trade that shall be bound to Europe to make up their Fleets here, and go home with strong Convoys, and as this will be a great safety to y^e^ Trade as well as an advantage to this place I hope it will have y^e^ desired

Effect, your Troops are arrived and Colo Lotrap tells me he thinks there may be now near one hundred men of your Colony more than the quota you propose of 350, those of them who have been here from y^e^ begining of the Expedition shoud be Indulged and have leave to return, but as the Garison has been very sickly. (y^e^ Common Consequence of Towns y^t^ have been beseig^d^, Tho I look upon it at present to be greatly owing to y^e^ Want of Bedding and other necessarys) It wont be prudent to lett any Number of People go till y^e^ regular Troops arive or till y^e^ Sickness Abates, however I shant be Against Indulging as Many as possible whose Circumstances may deserve Compassion, and I believe you will think it necessary to Continue Raising and sending Troops here as well for the Suport of this Garrison, as to releive those of your Colony that shall desire it, least we should bee disappointed by any means of the Troops Intended for our Protection from Gibralter. And you will Observe by the paragraph of the Duke of Newcastles letter which I sent you, not long since, that there is not y^e^ least room to Doubt but his Majesty will pay all the Expences that Shall attend the preservation of this Garison. Especialy Since y^e^ receipt of the Said Instruction.

Nothing Can be more Irksome to me then makeing the least Breach of my own or the Publick faith, and Therefore wish the other Colonys had taken Equal Care with you to releive their Men & keep up to y^e^ Intention of their Proclamations, on the first Inlistment of the Troops, which I presume they would have done more Punctualy, but y^t^ they Expected such of the Forces as were desireous to return home, woud have been releived by those from England Ere this time, this disappointment must appear to all

reasonable People as a justification, for keeping the Troops here longer then they Expected, Especialy as all possible Dispatch seems to have been made by the Ministry for their relief by two regiments being Imediatly order'd here from Giberaltar who We have but litle prospect of seeing before the spring.

For the Incouragement of Navigation to this place I am determined while I have the Command of this Garison and the squadron of his Majestys ships that No seamen shall be Impressed from any vessels Trading too or from this place, and every other Incouragement in my power shall be given to trade, there shall not be the least Impossition upon it while I remain in power here, and as the support of this Garrison will occasion a great Circulation of sterling Bills for the produce of the Neighbouring Collonys I hope it will have a good Effect upon their Excha: I beg y^r^ Excuse for this long and Inanmate scrawl and y^t^ you will beleive me to bee with great regard and Esteem tho unknown

Sir Your Most Obed^t^
humble sev^t^
P WARREN

LEWISBURG the 13^th^ Dec^br^ 1745
Hon^ble^ JOHNA LAW Esq^r^

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD December y^e^ 14 1745

*S^r^*

I Just Receiv^d^ your Excellencies of y^e^ 12^th^ Instant Shall Send your acc^t^ forward to the neighbouring Gov^t^ by the way of Hartford Should have been glad to have known what measures you have taken for the defence of your Frontiers, two Prisoners belonging to

Quebeck who Came from y^e^ Massachusetts with Intent to return by the way of Crown point and here taken up are now at my house whom I have ordered to be taken Care of till further order, one French man is aprehended and Committed at New Haven on Suspicion of being a Spy, but Says he is a prisoner run from Boston, and three French men & a woman Prisoners Sent hither from Lowisburg I understand are on the Road to N: York in Expectation by some flagg of truce to get a passage to France, they have no pass but if it be not Disagreable to your Excellency I am not unwilling to part with them

Your Excellencies
most humble and obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

To his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON Esq^r^ Gov^r^

ROGER WOLCOT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Dec^r^ 14^th^ 1745

*S^r^*

The frontiers are under afecting fears of the Enemy the Dutch at Hoosuck and other places are Drawn off so are the Indians at Checkomeco at Stockbridge the Enemy is often seen and they have there Burnt a Barn up the River they see skulking partys of the Indians they hear this is a Considerable army Coming from Crown Point and hourly Expect that some of our frontiers will be assaulted Coll^o^ Stodard has sent for help

The Councill for the War met yesterday and Determined to send out of Coll^o^ Pierce and Coll^o^ Huntingtons Regiment 100 men for the Defence of Hamshire and 50 more out of Coll^o^ Whitings to

Cover Salsbury and Canaan or to advance to Stockbridge if Coll° Stodard moves for it

I inclose a Letter to us Containing a Contrivance of some Gentlemen on the frontiers to make an Attempt upon Crown Point their fearfull Aprehensions of Danger from those quarters has Engaged them Earnestly in it and Indeed that fort like Pandoras box is full of all Mischeif to us and it is of the Greatest Importance to reduce it if possible but such an Enterprize must be the undertaking of severall Governm^ts^ in which the Gov^rs^ must Lead the Councill here have therefore Directed me to send it to your Hon^r^ who will proceed in it as in your Wisdom you think best

I have nothing to ad but that we have here abundance of Health plenty and poverty (?) you will please at all times to Honour mee with your Comands in any thing wherein I Can serve you I am

your Hon^rs^ Most obliged

Very Humble Servant

ROGER WOLCOTT

[Superscribed] To The Hon^able^ JONATH^N^ LAW Esq^r^ In Milford

[Indorsed] Dep Gov^r^ Wolcott Dec 1745

JONATHAN LAW TO NATHANIEL STANLY.

MILFORD Decem^br^ 14 1745

Gentlemen

By an Express from N: York I Just now receiv^d^ y^e^ inclosed acct^s^ from Gov^r^ Clinton I think it more needfull to send it to you & the uper county then to Boston and I Leave it to your discretion to Send it forward by my messenger or whom you think

more likely to Coll[l] Stoddard or Some other proper person who may Send it to Boston as they Shall think needfull

you will inclose them to Some Gentlemen above as you think proper.

Here has been taken up two french Prisoners belonging to Quebeck escaped from Massechusets and designed to return by Crown Point whome I have Stopped and one Committed att N: Haven on Suspicion of being a Spy but Sais he was a prisoner Escaped from Boston last from Fremingham, Some persons from y[e] upper Towns urge prety much to have our Indians Confined to Certain limits that they may know their friends from their Enemies of which you'l Consider

I Subscribe

Your Humble Servant

JON[TH] LAW

To Coll[l] STANLEY & the rest of y[e] Com[tee]

[Indorsed] Copy to Coll[l] Stanly &c Dec[br] 14 1745

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

LOUISBOURG December 13[th] 1745

Hon[ble] Sir,

Your favour of the 23[rd] of October Last I received, wherein find that you had received mine of the 20[th] of Sept[r], it gives me great Pleasure to hear that you was Safe Arrived with your Dear family and had Recovered your health; I desire that the Almighty will be graciously pleased to Continue your Life and health for a Long Time to Come a Blessing to your King & Country, & that you may yet be Enabled to do more Eminent Service.

I always thought that before you left Louisbourg that you had Seen my Representation of the Army; it being entered in the Copy Book of Letters by the Secy which was always open to any of the Council when ever they desired it; and was likewise read before them, before I sent it; the only Reason I Can give for your not Seeing it, was that you was very Ill at the Time and the Confused hurry we was in, not having a House in the Town but was damnify'd by our Shott, that we Could not lye dry on our Beds: Whatever Thoughts some people might have of me, this I Can truly say and prove by my Letters that are gone for England, that I Acted According to the best of my Capacity as a Common Father to the Army in Ordering every Regiment their Proportionable part of Duty in the Camp, and that what I writ was in the favour of the whole, not making any difference between the Massachusetts, Connecticut, or New Hampshire; after I had writ the Letter of which you have an Inclosed Copy to the Duke of New Castle, I inclosed to him in the Same Letter a List of all the Officers in the Campaign, and your name in the List was put next to my own; and every officer in the Rank they Stood in the Army; and writ that they had all Behav'd well, like Brave Officers and Soldiers; And Since the most high and Holy and Mercifull God, who brought us, willing to leave our Pleasant Seats and Families, to Come on this dangerous Enterprize, and has been graciously with us and given us Success Why should We find fault one with another if we did but Eye the hand of Providence more and was enabled to give him, as it is his due, all the Honour & Glory, we Should not be so Jealous one of another. I am greatly obliged to you for your Congratulation, and do join

with you in opinion that the honour done to the Head, is to all the Army; Nothing would give me more Pleasure than to have Liberty to Visit my Family, & as I am Sure no other View brought me here than the good of my Country, neither would anything else, make me willing to tarry from my family, It has been a Sickly dying time among us; upwards of Four hundred Brave Men have died since we Came into this City; The almighty seems to be Angry w^th^ us. Next Wednesday is appointed a day of prayer and fasting and I hope you will all, Lift up your hands and hearts to Heaven on our Behalf; And I hope God will graciously be pleased to be entreated, to Shew us Mercy; It has been an observation that wherever there was a close Siege for Upwards of Thirty days, there has been Sickness in the Place: I Cannot help thinking, but this must be naturally a very healthy place And must be, if it Should Please the Almighty to Continue it in our hands, be a place of great Trade.

Whatever Command Providence may Place me in I trust and hope shall shew them that Came from Connecticut the same Favour as I do any of the Troops that belong to the same Province I Came from, and this I do believe that I have done in every particular since I have had any Under my Command, and shall Endeavour to make it my Care that no Under officer shall abuse any of our Soldiers, for as you Justly Observe there are no Braver, Activer men, than our Country men are and they ought to be Encouraged. I must Acknowledge that this Campaign has bore much upon my Constitution and almost wore me out; But if it should please him who made us willing to Come on this Expedition, to Call us on another He Can Support us & Carry us through

And I hope we shall at all times be Enabled to rely and trust on him. The Short Acquaintance I had with you, gave me a great Value & Esteem for you and should have been glad if your Health had permitted you to have tarryd Longer here; I hope in a short time to pay you a Visit and talk all our old affairs over; But if Providence Should deny us this favour; I hope thrô the Merits of a glorious Redeemer, we shall meet in a happy Eternity: We are much obliged to you for the Chaplain you have sent, and your good Advice, which I always Valued and Honoured. You may Remember what a hurry you left me in, which Still Continues, that I have not time to write to my Friends, so fully and so often as I would, which Hope they will Excuse. I have Inclosed you a Copy of the Duke of New Castle's Letter to me, as Likewise from the Lords of the Admiralty, being the only Publick Letters which I have Received, You may see Plainly by them that I never made any difference in mentioning one Province more than another or if my Word is disputed the Copies of my Letters may be had from Each of their Offices.

I have writ several Private Letters to several of my Friends in England, four of which to Parliament men; But the most I said in them was that the Charges I hoped would be Borne by his Majesty and that the Provinces of the Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and New Hampshire would be Repaid what they had disbursted, on this Expedition; I did say in them Letters that the Massachusetts had been at the greatest Part of the Charges, which must be allowed by all.

Be pleased to give my Service to all inquiring friends but more particularly, to those that were here

with us in this Expedition which I shall allways Value & Honour.

I am with best Respects
Dear Sir,
Your Affectionate Friend and
Most Humble Servant

Hon^ble^ Major General WOLCOTT.

Dec^r^ 16^th^ 1745

Honour^ble^ Sir

the foregoing Letter is a copy of my Last in w^ch^ inclosed a copy of my Letter to y^e^ Duke of New Castle, and his to me, with a copy of y^e^ Lords of the Admiralty to me w^ch^ hope will be with you before this, there is nothing New to write you I Sincerely wish your health and Prosperity & am as above

W^M^ PEPPERRELL.

[Indorsed] S^r^ William Pepperrell Dec^r^ 13^th^ 1745

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Dec^r^ 16^th^ 1745

*Hon^ble^ S^r^*

This Comes to Informe your Houn^r^ that the Comitte of Warr at Hartford have of late had Repeted advice from Co^ll^ Stoddard that they fear the Enemy have a design upon their fronters and last friday we rec^d^ a letter from him Informing that their Scout had discovered Some Indian tracks at Green River above Dearfield, Judged there ware about two or three of them, and at annother place, was found a peace of Bearskin which it is Said the Indians Some times ware about there Bodeys for the eas of Carreing their packs which they Judge was

newley dropt not being at all wether beaten and from Albaney we hear by word of mouth, that one of the Captives taken from Surretoge hath made his Escape from Crown Point, to Albaney and Saith that there was about a 1000 french and Indians fiting out & that they ware near redey to march when he Came away but where they ware designed he Could not tell, we are allso Informed that a Barn was lately burnt at Stockbridge, which is Supposed to be done by the Enemy; and at Sheffield an Indian was lately Shot att by one that Stood Centerey in one of their mounts in the dusk of the evening, but mising him he ran away, upon the whole of what we have heard the Council of Warr have ordered 100 men to be Speadeley raised in y^e^ Eastern part of the Coloney 50 out of Co^ll^ Pierce his Regement, and 50 more out of Co^ll^ Huntingtons Regement to march in to Hampshier County for their helpe & Assistance they have allso Ordered 50 more to be raised in Co^ll^ Whiting Regement and posted in our Western frontears; or Stockbridge & Sheffield if that Shall be thought best, I perceive the people in Hampshier County are verey much allarmn^d^ and fear that mischiff will be done Spedeley if they be not prevented; we want Six Comissions for the officers that are now going, and if your Hon^rs^ will pleas to Sign Some blanks, more then for this present time it may Save an other Jorney hear is a man now waiting for Some of them whom Co^ll^ Huntington hath Sent from Windham, being in great hast I shall not further Add but that I am your Honr^s^ Obediant

Hum^ble^ Serv^tt^

NATH^LL^ STANLY

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Stanly Dec^br^ 16 1745

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JOHN STODDARD.

FORT DUMER Decr 17th 1745

May it please Yor Honr

Yester Morning early two men Went up to the top of West river Mountain & discovered a Smoak about 8 miles up west river which proved to be a Smoak made by Ensign Wright & Company as was then Supposed they also discoverd a Smoak as they Apprehended & and were pretty well Satisfied about 40 miles up west river as they Judged or near the head of Sd river the Smoak Appeared to rise up above the hills 6: or 7: times and then Scatter Away, this morning I Sent three men up the Same Mountain & they discovered what they Judged to be a Smoak About 10 or 12 miles Southward of the place where they discovered it Yester morning they at the Same time Could See the Smoak at Fort Shirley it Appeared to them to be Smoaky up Connecticot river & also up west river round about where the Smoak Seemed to rise, but between the Air was Clear. this morning came a post from Northfield who informs that last night about one or two O'Clock Several Persons there Saw the light of fire like that of Some building near about the great meddow as they Supposed, tho' we are not Certain that an Army is Comeing upon us Yet we have reason to fear it & Intreat we may have further help Sent to this Fort & Other places in these parts & I hope the People in All the western Frontiers will be upon their guard I am Your Honrs Humbe Servt

JOSIAH WILLARD

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[Indorsed] Josiah Willard Decr 17 1745

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH HAMPTON Dec^br 18 1745

S^r

we have frequently of late been alarm'd at Deerfield with Indians as it has been thought sent as Spies, and near three of the Clock this Morning I rec^vd the Enclosed. I have not been apt to lay much wait on pretences of Seeing Smoaks, but this happening at such a Juncture, and their seeing Smoaks at other distant places, and itt proving that they saw Ensign Wrights Smoak (who returned to Fort Dummer on Monday last) I dare not disregard the apprehension there is of an Enemy near us.

Maj^r Hartwell & Cap^t Stevens are not come over with their men, & I fear your^s cannot be here soon Enough.

I have beside the 25 men I sent from Hadley last week, ordered 120, from the lower part of the County, and least anything should happen Suddainly, I have Ordered twenty men from Sunderland to Northfield, and what men may be had at Pellham and Cold Spring, reserving the men of this Town, Hatfield and the rest at Hadley 'till further advice. if an Army Should come they will doubtless come Strong, and we shall need all the help we can get and had better loose something than run the hazard of some place being destroyed.

tis probable that if you should send two or three Hundred men they may reach our frontiers before an attack, or soon after and if after they may be ready to pursue the Enemy.

I should have been Glad to have been able to give you more certain Intelligence, and when I shall be enabled, I shall do it.

I have likewise sent for nineteen Connec^{ct} Indians that are Hunting at Cold Spring.

I am your very Humble Servant

JOHN STODDARD

Deputy Gov^{ur} WOLCOT

[Superscribed] To His Hon^{ur} ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^{r} Deputy Gov^{nr} of the Colony of Connect^{ct} Att Windsor

[Indorsed] from Coll^{o} Stodard Dec^{r} 18th 1745

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR Dec^{r} 23^{d} 1745

S^{r}

The 19th Instant I Rec^{d} by Express from Col^{o} Stodard a Letter Informing me that by What thier scouts had Dis Covered and some Indian spies had been at Deerfield they Expected an asault from a Con_ sderable body of the Enemy on the frontiers Moveing that 200 men might be sent on this exigency the Comittee orderd that succours should be sent from Hartford and Windsor on the east side and from Weathersfied there went about 45 from Windsor 42 from Hartford and from Weathersfied those from Windsor and Hartford sd forward on the 20th Instant and I hear Windsor men Were at Northampton the Same day at 10:p:m:

I sent forward Gen^{r} Clintons Letter &c: to Col^{o} Stodard according to your order

I Know Not whither your Hon^{rs} Letters to the Agent are Gone but remember I mentiond it at New Haven in Councell that M^{r} Wells (?) at Albany told mee the Queen had sent 20000^{lb} sterling to Discharge the New England Expence in taking Annapolis 1710 of

which I Never heard Connecticutt received a peney the Massachusetts I supose had it all I submitt it to your Hon^r^ if something from hence may not be Argued for our benefitt in receiving for what we have expended in taking Louisbourge this year and if any should be Granted that due Care should be taken that the money sent may be so laid that we may Come at it I am

your Hon^rs^ Most obliged
very Humble ser^t^
R WOLCOTT

[Superscribed] To The Hon^able^ Jonathan Law Esq^r^ In Milford

[Indorsed] D Gov^r^ Wolcotts Dec^br^ 23 1745

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Boston Dec^r^ 24, 1745

Sir,

Being inform'd that the Affairs of War are committed by the Governm^t^ of Connecticut to a Number of Gentlemen of which you are the first in Commission

I am therefore now to inform you that Application has been made to me from the Proprietors & others of the Towns of Stockbridge & Blanford, to desire that they may have some Soldiers sent for their Protection, they being much exposed to the Indian Enemy; & the Inhabitants likely to draw off unless they can be soon relieved. I have laid this Affair before the Assembly of this Province, who have desired that I would move the Governm^t^ of Connecticut to send sixty men for the Protection of Blanford & Stockbridge & the Settlements between

them, at least till such time as men may be raised in this Province & sent thither.

I must therefore desire that you would with all possible Expedition send such a Force into those Places as may be sufficient for their Defence; which I am the rather inclined to expect and hope for, because these Places are a Barrier to some part of your Colony, & if they should be deserted your own Towns will be much more exposed to the Enemy; And if I mistake not you have signified your Intention to do something of this Nature in one of your Letters to Col° Stoddard. You will please to let me have your Answer as soon as may be.

It would have been a great Pleasure to me to have seen you at Louisbourg. I hope you have by this time perfectly recovered your Health, & that the Service you did your Country, for which I think they are much oblig'd to you, as I am myself for the Honour you did my Commission thereby, will not finally prejudice it.

I shall write soon to the Governour; and am with great Regard

Sir, Your most humble Servant,

W SHIRLEY

The Hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOT Esq^r^

ROGER WOLCOTT TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

WINDSOR Dec^r^ 27^th^ 1745

Sir

By this I acknowledge y^e^ favour of yours of y^e^ 24^th^ Instant & altho an offencive war against our Enemy in north america has ever been my favorite opinion yett would omitt nothing necessary & proper for the Defence of the frontiers.

upon a motion from Collo Stoddard, the Concell of War Sent an hundred men to Deerfield & offer^{d} him fifty more for the Defence of Stockbridge till you Could place a Sufficient Garason, then y^{e} Collo answer^{d} he thought ten men from us Would be Sufficient for Stockbridge, accordingly we Sent ten men there.

on the 18th Instant I Rece^{ed} a Letter from Collo Stodard and of the near aproach of a Considerable force of the Enemy as twas Expected on the frontiers up the River moveing for our Assistance on this Exigency Imediately we sent up above 150 men they sett forward the 20th Instant and I have not heard from them since so that we have now about 260 men on the frontiers in your Government besides 40 in our own this with whot we have at Louisbourg reacheth (?) a charge beyond our power to suport the Colony Consists only of Labouring Husbandmen and I supose the Impost brings not above 100^{ll} our Currency into the Treasury Annually Nevertheless in Case of War it is my mind that no thing that is possible to be done should be left undone I will therefore Imediately advise with the Councell if we shall make up the ten men at Stockbridge to be 50 till you Can suply a Garason there which I hope will be speedily

I heartily Congratulate your Excellency on your Return to your Goverme^{t}: Indeed during the siege I promised myself a great deall of pleasure if we Could Gitt into the Town but as it pleased God the Next day I was taken with sickness by the force of which I had on ease there nor in my Voiage home nor for some time afler my Return but thro Mercy I am now well Recovred I should not have deprived myself of the Hon^{r} of waiting upon you at Louisbourg had my health permitted however it was a

pleasure to mee to hear you were Going and afterwards that you were Gone to that place where I know you were so much Wanted pray do mee the Hon^r to make my service known to S^r William Peperill at the first opartunity

The Campain being over I am very Contentedly Retired into my own Business Where I hope I shall have time to Attend any service that the publick or my friends shall Expect from mee and Especially any Comands your Excellency shall do me the Hon^r to Lay upon me Who am your Excellencys

Most obliged
Very Humble Servant
ROGER WOLCOTT

To His Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY Esq^r
[Indorsed] To Govr Shirley Dec^r 27^th 1745

JABEZ HUNTINGTON* TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

WINDHAM Decem^r y^e 30^th 1745

Gentlemen

I have Rec^d a letter from Cap^t Parish Dated Hadley Decem^r 25^th Wherein he Informs Me that y^e Night before he Rec^d orders from Colo^l Stodard posting his Soldiers: 20 att foart Shirle: 20 at foart Pelham And: 10: att Coald River: & that Colo^l Stodard says that Conecticut are To find all But Provisions (Which I understand to be ment victuals And Drink) & That Blankits are as Necesary almost as Guns: & They shall Want Snow shoes: & must Depend on

* Jabez Huntington, born in Norwich 1691; was for many years a resident of Windham, where he died in 1752. "He attained high rank among the distinguished men of that important town, both in civil and military life."—*Huntington Memoir.*

our Government for such Lik Things: for y^e^ provence uterly Refuse to find Them he further says he expects I Will forthwith procure Blankits And send Them to Them: or They shall suffer Greatly: Gentlemen I Did not understand by y^e^ order from y^e^ Counsel of Warr to me That They Intended Blankits Snow Shoes or Kittles: & Therefore I procured None of Them: What y^e^ agreement Betwene y^e^ Governments are: I am a Stranger to: But fear y^e^ Soldiers Will suffer if They are not provided With such Things: & stand Redy to obay your Hono^rs^ Commands in Every Thing Within my Power who am yours att Com^d^.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON

P: S: I should be Glad to be Directed by your Hon^rs^ for y^e^ parents of soldiers that are gon suffer me no Rest till sumthing is Done. J: H.
To y^e^ Honr^bl^ Counson of Warr att Hartford

[Superscribed] To y^e^ Honr^bl^ ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr at Windsor or any of y^e^ Counsol of Warr att Hartford

[Indorsed] Coll^o^ Huntington

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LOND^N^ Dec^r^ y^e^ 31. 1745

*S^r^*

At ye Instance of M^r^ Commissary Saltonstall, now Indisposd, & also Deeply engag'd in preparing His Acc^ts^ for an adjustm^t^ w^th^ ye Coloney, I take Leave to transm^t^ your Hon^r^ this to Signify that Cap^t^ Haley in our transport Schooner on this Day Sev'n't put out for Louisburg, and Returnd Safe Into

this Harb^{r} y^{e} Last Night after some Dificulty, all alive but some Sick; they had the good fortune to get into N. Port just before the Late violent Storm & althô they had the advant^{ge} of that Harb^{r} were even then in Danger of Sh^{p} Wreck which provd ye fate of Sundry others at that time since that they have attempted to proceed ye voyage but before they Could Reach ye vine Yard were forc'd Back & were in great Danger of being Lost Howev^{r} Here they now are and tis thôt advisable to send Express to yo^{r} Hon^{r}, to Say, that Last th^{ds}Day arrivd at N. Port a Schoon^{r} from Louisb^{g} in 15 D^{ys} the M^{r} of w^{ch} told Maj^{r} Chapman that Lou^{s}br^{g} Harb^{r} began to shut up before He Came out, & supposd it was all fast E'r that time, & that there was no want of ye Necessarys of Life among ye Sould^{rs} in Gari^{n} there Especially in our Reg^{nt} & added that He heard M^{r} Whiting say that He wonder'd what y^{e} Govern^{mt} Intended He should do wth all Gorhams Cargo Since therefore We have had so severe a turn of winter Like Weath^{r} for 10 Days past & bids so fair for y^{e} Like for months to Come in Consequence of which every Harb^{r} & all Anch^{r} Ground must Necessarily be Shut up Since the gaining of the intended Port must at best be attended with great hardship, hazard and Dificulty if the thing in it Self be practicable, since the best that the most Experienced Mariners Hope for or Can Expect in y^{e} Case is that She must soon Quit y^{e} Coast, and since She has a valuable Cargo on Board, & a great part thereoff in Articles perishable in a Hot Climate, all which may be well secured & preservd Here till toward spring I Can't but believe yo^{r} Hon^{r} & Couns^{ll} will Justify y^{e} Sending this Express, and Countermand the Intended Voyage & Discharge the men I write in hast yo^{r} Hon^{r}

will pardon blunders and Suffer me to Subscribe my

Yo^{r} Hon^{r} most Oblidged, most
obed^{t} Hum^{le} Serv^{t}
JER MILLER

P. S. In a Lett^{r} from M^{r} Whiting to my son He Writes y^{t} He has purchasd Cloath^{s} for our sould^{rs} of ye Boston Commiss^{y} & Expected none from Hence No Recruits from Home for L^{bg} believe Never will.

To Gov^{r} Law

[Superscribed] To The Hon^{ble} JONATH^{N} LAW Esqr Govern^{r} of His Majestys Coloney of Connecticut at Milford

[Indorsed] Jer Miller Esq^{r} Dec^{br} 31 1745

BENJAMIN LEE TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAR.

[ ] Jan^{y} 1st 1745

May it pleas Your Honours

With Submission I would Inform You that Col^{n} Pierce when he Sent me with the Company under my Command In to the County of Hampshire told me that when he arrived there the Massachusetts Goverment would find us ammunition and when I Came to Northampton I waited on Col^{n} Stoddard & Informed him that I and Company were Ready to proceed on the Service alloted us but my men wanted ammunition which I umderstood we were to be furnished with from their Goverment, but he Informed me that the Goverment did not Expect to find us with ammunition and had none to Supply us with and y^{t} we must furnish our Selves — I wold therefore Desire Your Honours as Soon as may be to Send us amunition to be lodged with Col^{n} Stoddard or Such other

person as you Shall think fit for the Use of the Company under my Command or Else we Can do nothing to Defend the people These From Honourd Sirs

Your Honours most Humble Servant
BENJ^N LEE — Cap^t

To y^e Hon^ble Comtt^ee of War

ROGER WOLCOTT TO BENJAMIN LEE.

HARTFORD Jan 3^d 1745

S^r

yours of the first Instant has been Laid before the Councill for the War and Withall we Were Informed that Coll^o pierce suply^d your men with a pound of powder apiece with Bulletts and you have suffered them to Embezle it a way untill you have scarce twenty pounds of powder left for all which powder &c so Embezled you your self ought to be Made Accountable for takeing no better Care it is Indeed a very New thing for a Capt to Lett his men shoot a way their Amunition and then Complain he Can do Nothing but it seems this is the Case with you the Councell have sent 30^ll of powder With Lead to suply your Company Which will be left with Coll^o porter at Hadly Where you may send for it and take an Acc^t to whome you Deliver it for you may depend upon it that you or your men will be Charged with what you have allready Recd as Well as this Except what shall appear to be necesarily spent in the service I am

your Humble serv^t
ROGER WOLCOTT

To Cap^t LEE

[Superscribed] To Cap^t BENJAMIN LEE In Deerfield.
[Indorsed] To Cap^t Benj Lee

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JOHN STODDARD.

WINDSOR Jan 4th 1745

S^r^

on the 27th of Dec^r^ Last I received a Letter from Gov^r^ Shirley Moving that we should send 60 men for the Defence of Stockbridge and Blanford I have Laid it before the Councill who resolved to make up the Garason at Stockbridge 50 men till your Goverment Could put a Garason into that place and of this I have advised His Excellency

yours also of the 28th of Dec^r^ past I Recd and have Laid it before the Councill: they were of opinion that the Going up of Cap^t^ parishes men Without Blanketts was a wrong step which proceeded from their unacquaintance of the Afair. We have therefore orderd 50 Blanketts to be sent up for them which with a suply of powder and Lead for Cap^t^ Lees Company to Make up the Embezlement they have made will be Left at Coll^o^ porters at Hadly where they may send for them as soon as they Come

I was glad to see such a readiness in the 3 Companys that Went up upon the Alarm I perceive they Would have been Glad to have mett the Enemy but our Endeavers to meet them will alwaies be attended with the Greatest uncertainty would His Majestie order an Expedition ag^t^ them and all the Goverments should Come into it we should know what we were about

We have formerly Endeavourd to be more speady on a Exigency by Detaching men for that purpose but these (unless under Continuall pay) would be out of the way as much as others and other soldiers Look upon themselves as unconcernd so it proved a Clog rather than a furtherance

I was something surprized to hear you mention snow shoes as a defect in us for not providing our men are sent up to Garason your Towns and places that want defence and will be ready as any men to do any thing ag^{t} the Enemy that Lyes in their power and for Which they are provided but to supose this Collony should have a Magazine of snow shoes with you which in Consequence Draws that of a house to store them in and an officer to Look after them is wholly new and I supose a thing that no man Ever thought on but your self the thing is not Great a few Cow Hides will be sufficent for Materials and the soldiers will have time Eno and Gladly Improve it to make them Louisbourg and Annapolis are now ours so that the Indians Can have no suply from the French that way the Norigewocks and panobscots are so humbled so that this western frontier is the principle Barier if not almost the only one the Massachusetts have Backward we have our own to Defend and have ordered that a suply of snow shoes should be ready there and what we have done to the Defence of the frontiers up the River you are not a stranger to all these things Considered I make no doubt the Massachusetts will as readily order their Garasons to be suplyed with snow shoes as we have Done ours

There is unhapily sprad among us a Vulgar fame that our men are not received with you with the same Good Countenance as formerly That they are Threatened to be fined for their Dinners that they are told tis hopefull Connecticutt will Lose their Charter I trust there is no foundation for all this Nor should I have taken so much note of it as to mention it but only as such a report tho without Grounds may render our soldiery Less ready and Chearfull and some of the more Inadvertant of

your people may have said some thing to this purpose it Can Do no Good and it may Do mischief and as I hope there never was so I hope there Never Will be any reason for such a story I am with a respect

your Most obliged
very Humble servt
ROGER WOLCOTT

To Collo STODARD

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[Indorsed] To Collo Stodard Jan 4th 1745

THOMAS CUSHING* TO ROGER WOLCOTT

BOSTON. January. 12. 1745.

Honourable Sir

Having been active formerly in procuring Pilotts here for Connecticutt fforces Mr Edward Holland of Ipswich now applys to me to procure for him what due to him for that service He was he tells me dismissd the 31 Augt at Nantaskett & I having prevaild on him to go into the service (& I think at a lower rate than some others) I am obliged to this kind officer & must intreat that Your Honour will order that His account now Inclosed may be examind & if it be found right that He may have the ballance thereof which is fifty eight pounds 15/ old tenor sent to him. I am with great respect to Governour Law & Your Honour

Yr most humble sert
T CUSHING

[Superscribed] To the Honourable ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr Lieutent Governour of the Colony Connecticut Windsor

[Indorsed] Tho Cushing Jan 12 1745

*Cushing was at this time speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

JONATHAN LAW, TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD Jan^ry 1745/6

Gentlemen.

I take this Opportunity to acquaint you w^th what I rec^d from Gov^r Warren by inclosing to you Copies y^rof with respect to our Disbursements Since y^e Reduction of Louisbourgh whether it will be more safe for us to send Home for them or to apply to him & S^r Will^m for Bills of Exchange deserves a consideration, (I am at present at a Loss) As for what he writes about a Reinforcement in y^e Spring whether he would have wrote for it, in Case our Recruits had arrived there, I dont know. I think we fell into the measures which he supposed would have been y^e only Remedy to have prevented y^e Complaints of y^e Soldiers arising on Gov^r Shirleys Proclamation ab^t y^r Return when the Expedition was over: but whether all things considered it may be needfull to call an Assembly to have as many Men ready as we can Spare to reinforce the Garrison early in y^e spring I ask your Advice. I have been advis'd by M^r. Miller (Coll^l Saltonstall being ill) of the return of our Last Transport to New London That Maj^r Chapman att Rhode Island by a Vessell in fifteen days from Louisburgh was informed y^t y^e Harbour begun to be Shutt up w^th y^e frost, and that y^e best that could be expected (according to y^e opinion of y^e best of Sailers) was that they must soon quitt the Coast & go off to y^e West Indies, & that much of their Cargoe would not endure the Heat it was best they should be unloaded & the Vessell discharged whereupon I advised Cap^t Hubbard to go to Bush y^e owner by whom I was informed Bush had sent a Messenger to direct y^r Sailing from N: London y^t they might proceed & be under pay this Winter, but he would Send to prevent it.

By y^e^ Acc^ts^ from Home Via N: York it appears things look very darkly att Home, the Pretender is Proclaimed att Edinborough, they opened the Gates to y^e^ Rebels att Edinburgh, & y^e^ Castle only Stood out, an Invasion from France as expected, I think nobody y^t^ dont shutt y^r^ Eyes, cant but be sensible by this Time, That the Design of Westley, the Erskins and Whitefield &c was y^e^ Subversion of the Gov^t^ by making way for the Introduction of the Pretender If that should be accomplished it matters not what becomes of our Acquisitions in y^e^ North or to the Southward, our Expences will ly upon us as the lightest part of our burthen, but I would hope God has Mercy in store for us.

M^r^ Miller also informd me That the Cap^t^ of the Rhode islander told Maj^r^ Chappman That M^r^ Whiting informd him that they wanted not for the Necessaries of life and that he knew not what to do with the Stores by Gorham, he had procurd Cloathing of the Boston Com^ries^ and that M^r^ Whiting had signifyd the like to his Son y^e^ Comissary

And now I hear That Cap^t^ Wooster is returnd and arrivd att Cape Ann and hope for more ꝑticular Acc^ts^ w^n^ he comes up.

Am glad to hear of the speedy, and safe Return of our fforces from the upper County. Their going upon a mistaken Information is much more desirable than a real Necessity would have been.

from your very humble Servant
JON^TH^ LAW.

To y^e^ Hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^r^ and y^e^ rest of y^e^ Com^tee^.

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Roger Wolcott Esq^r^ & Com^tee^ Jan^r^ 15 1745-6

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Jan 21st 1745 6

Sr

The three Asistants in the Town of Hartford have this Day mett mee to Consider on What your Honr offered to us in yours of the 15th Instant

They express their opinions very fully that it will be best for this Colony to Exert itself in the Defending and suporting the Garason at Louisborg, and an omission will be the more hardly Construed agt us since the King will Reimburse the charge

They have Considerd that it is probable the Ice will prevent our shiping Entering into that Harbur or Chaperough bay till about the Midle of Aprill and that it is very likely that if An Assemby should in the Latter end of february or the Begining of March meet and order Recruits the afair might be so Dispatcht that the Recruitts might Gitt there by the midle of Aprill and your Honr Will doubtless hear more by the midle of february Therefore they submitt it to your Honr if it be best to Call the Asembly till february or March Next

They are also of opinion that it is not Clear Comodore Waren has undertook to Draw for any but the future Charge: and that no bills be Drawn upon him at present

We are in hopes speedily to hear that His Majeste has fully supresed the young pretender and his Adherents in Scotland I am your Honrs

Most obliged
very Humble servt
R WOLCOTT

[Indorsed by Law] Dep. Govrs Letter Janr 21 1745-6

WARREN AND PEPPERRELL TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG Jan^ry 25^th 1745

Sir,

By Letters from the Duke of New Castle of the 10^th of August last we were advised that his Majesty was determined forthwith to provide for the effectual Support of this valuable Acquisition: and that in order thereto Two Regiments were ordered here from Gibraltar, and several Vessels with Stores from England, but none of them are yet arrived here: and We apprehend it probable that the Troops are not yet embarked: and as it must be expected that the Enemy will make the earliest, and most vigorous Efforts possible to regain this Important Fortress next Spring; we may, probably, be block'd up before those Troops can gain their Passage from Gibraltar hither, and as a Mortal Sickness (chiefly a Fever) has for some Time past prevailed in this Garrison, and has carried off considerable Numbers, and still continues to do so (tho' we hope it is abating) Our Duty to his Majesty requires us to acquaint You (as the Protection of this Acquisition for the present, and till M^r Warrens Commission for the Government, which is dayly expected, arrives, is recommended to our joint Care) That it is absolutely necessary for his Majesty's Service (as well as the Honour and Interest of the Colonies) that new Levies of Men be raised there for the Support of this Garrison, until a Sufficient Number of British Troops shall arrive here.

We have, by an Express which sailed the 23^rd Ins^t for England, to inform the Ministry of the Circumstances of this Garrison, acquainted them that we should make Application to You, and the other Governments in the Colonies for the necessary Assistance herein and We cannot doubt but that your Loyalty

and Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and the Interest of your own and neighbouring Governments, will prompt You to use your utmost Endeavours, (especially as you have hitherto shewn a readiness to contribute to the Security as well as Conquest of this place) that a proper Quota of Troops from your Government be accordingly sent here as early in the Spring as the Season will possibly admit of (which may be the beginning of March) sufficient not only to sustain the Place against any Attack of an Enemy, but also to relieve the Troops now here, who have (most of them) undergone the Fatigues of the Siege, as well as the Duty of protecting the Place since, and who justly expect to be relieved, and allowed to return home in the Spring, agreable to the Terms upon which they first enlisted, and no doubt will be very uneasy if they cannot. If no British Troops arrive, (which may be the case) four or at least three thousand Men will be necessary to be raised, for the Defence of this Place next Year; and as the Garrison is already much weakened by the Sickness and Mortality among us, and may possibly be much more so, we must press your most speedy and vigorous Endeavours to assist in reinforcing it, before the Arrival of an Enemy's Force shall render it hazardous, or impracticable: as a Neglect herein may prove of the most fatal Consequence, and render those at whose Door the Fault shall lay highly obnoxious to his Majesty's Displeasure.

You may, Sir, assure such Levies as shall be raised for this purpose, that they shall not be detain'd here contrary to their Will, after the Arrival of a British Force sufficient for the Security of the place; and that they may depend upon the strictest Justice, and all the good Offices in our power And We make

no Doubt but great Encouragement will be given to them, and others to settle this Island.

We have lately had the disagreable News of One of the Store Ships bound to this Place, from England, being cast away and intirely lost, on this Island the 27th of Decemr last. By three Seamen, who were the only persons saved out of 24 on board, We learn that She sailed from England, about the last of October, in Company with several other Ships bound here with Stores, under Convoy of the Kinsale Man of War, and lost Company with them near the Banks of Newfoundland about three Weeks before their Disaster; since which we have heard nothing of the Others, nor any further Account of the Troops we had reason to expect from Gibraltar.

We are, with great Regard, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servants

P WARREN
WM PEPPERRELL

Governour Law

[Indorsed] Govr Warren & Sr Wm Pepperill Janr 25 1745-6

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 27 January 1745

Sir.

Pursuant to my Recommendation to the Council and Assembly to make provision for the appointment of Commissioners for this Province to treat with such Commissioners as are or shall be appointed by the Neighbouring Governments upon Concerting Measures for our mutual security Defence and Conduct during the present War, Committees of both

Houses have Conferred upon the Subject Matter thereof, and Requested me to appoint Commissioners for that purpose, Who are to make Report of their proceedings with their opinion thereupon, that such Measures may be taken jointly with the several Governments as shall be Judged most Expedient.

They have likewise desired me to Represent to the several Governments upon this Continent, the Wavering Disposition of the Indians, and the fatal Consequences which may arise to all the Colonys in General, in case they should be withdrawn from their Fidelity and Dependance upon the British Interest: Whereupon there seems to be an Absolute Necessity for the Colonys uniting their Endeavours at all Events, to secure the Indians effectually in our Interest at this Critical Conjuncture, As the Enemy leave no Artifice untryed to seduce them, having many Jesuitical Emissarys Constantly Residing amongst them; and should they at length prevail with them to Revolt, The Frontiers of the Respective Colonys, Subject to his Majesty, must lye open & Exposed to the Insults of the French and Savages.

As a Union of Councils from the several Governments, will be the most likely means to defeat the Dessigns of so Barbarous an Enemy, and advancing the Common cause of his Majestys Subjects upon the Continent, I doubt not but you will think proper to Communicate this Representation to your Council and Assembly and Recommend it to them to follow the like Example with this Government that Commissioners may be appointed by you to Answer such laudable Ends.

One of y^e^ Transports bound to Louisbourg with 200 Men on board is arrived at y^e^ Hook he parted

with the Fleet 8 days ago, & Says Adm[l] Rowley has taken Genoa which I give you Joy off, I am

Sir Your obedient humble Serv[t]

G CLINTON

The Hon[ble] Jon[n] Law Esq[r]

PROCLAMATION BY JONATHAN LAW.

By the Hon[ble] Jonathan [ ] Governour, & Commander in Chief, of his Britani[ ] Majesties Colony of Connecticutt, in New England, in America.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

Whereas a number of the Subjects of his Most Christian Majesty, have been taken at the Seige of Louisbourg, and other Places, and made Prisoners of Warr, and Five of them brought into this Colony; And there being no Carteel Settled, Between this Government, and any of his Most Christian Majesties Settlements in the West Indies, whereby the said Prisoners of Warr, can be Exchanged, for so many of the Subjects of Great Brittain; And the said Prisoners of Warr, being very desirous, & pressing, to be sent, to some of his Most Christian Majesties Settlements, in the West Indies, in order to be Exchang'd; But as the Expence of a Packet Boat, to be sent on purpose for so small a Number, would be very great; Therefore that the said French Prisoners, may not longer be detain'd; I have Constituted, and Appointed, and by These Presents do Commissionate, Order, and Appoint, Jeremiah Miller Gentleman, to take on board the Sloop Three Friends under his Command, and bound to the Island Jamaica the said Five French Prisoners of Warr, and carry them to Hispaniola, and there

deliver them, to his Most Christian Majesties Governour, or other proper Officer, or Magistrate; to be Exchang'd, for so many of his Brittanick Majesties Subjects, together with as many more as shall be deliver'd him, to carry to some English Settlements. And I do hereby desire the Commanders of his Majesties Ships of Warr also the Commanders of such Ships of Warr, as are in the Service of his Most Christian Majesty, and other Princes, and States, with the Commanders of all Private Ships of Warr, & Merchant Ships, and other Vessells, belonging to the Subjects of those Princes, & States, to permit the said Jeremiah Miller, to pass to the Island of Hispaniola, and from thence to Jamaica, without detention, or hindrance, in the said Sloop Three Friends, with the s^{d} Company and Prisoners Transported therein; and all Comand[ ] of Private Ships Warr, Ships with Letters of Marque, with other Merchant Ships, & Vessells, belonging to his Majesties Subjects, are hereby requir'd, to Suffer the said Jeremiah Miller, to pass without let, or molestation, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril, and be Responsable for the Damages that may ensue, upon their giving Obstruction herein; And all Comanders of the Ships & Vessells afores^{d} are hereby Desir'd to give all necessary Succour, and Assistance to the Jeremiah Miller, as occasion shall require.

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms*, this first day of February Annq^{e} Dom^{i} 1745/6 & in the Nineteenth Year of his Majesties Reign.

J LAW

*A portion of a seal in red wax appears on the margin of the document. Not enough remains to show its bearings, but the appearance of an esquire's helmet at the top indicates that it was a personal seal. The original inscription on Jonathan Law's tombstone describes him as "armiger," and it is probably his seal with his arms that appears here. The custom is not unknown in Connecticut of the governor affixing his personal seal to official documents.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT TO ROGER WOLCOTT

BOSTON February 1st 1745

Honourable Sir,

We are very sensible Virtue carries its own Reward, and doubt not of the Solid and lasting Pleasure, you have from your own Consciousness of the good Principles, which have excited you to & carried you thrô, the many useful & publick Services you have performed, & by your Example & Address influenc'd others to do; And how little soever the wise & vertuous are affected by such remote Considerations, as the Opinion & Sentiments of others, yet we could not but think, that common Justice & Gratitude required Our Acknowledgements of the large Share you had in the late Reduction of Cape Breton; to you our Eyes were more particularly turned, on Our first Application to your Government in this Affair, & we happily found Our Selves not mistaken, by their generous Assistance in that successful Expedition, more particularly obtained by your Care & Influence, for this publick Service & for the just & kind Sentiments you have always had towards this Province on other Occasions. We now publickly profess our Esteem & Obligations which we shall ever be glad at all Opportunities to Acknowledge

In the Name & by order of the Council

J WILLARD Secry.

In the Name & by order of the House of Representatives

T CUSHING Speaker

The Hon^ble ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^r.

[Indorsed] A letter from the Council and Representatives in Boston feb 1 1746

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Feb^{y} 4th 1745

Sir,

I shall take it as a favour if you will not only permit Captain Gridley to Beat his Drums within your Government for raising Voluntiers for my Regiment, but also Countenance & Assist him with your good Offices in raising 'em. As I am persuaded you will think the raising of mine & Sir William Pepperell's Regiments, as speedily as may be, is not only necessary for more effectually securing our late Acquisition to his Majesty, and with that the Province of Nova Scotia, (ag^{t} w^{ch} I am satisfy'd by late Acc^{ts} from Annapolis Royal that the Enemy is now making Dispositions for attacking the Fort there very suddenly) but also for relieving such of our Troops now at Louisbourg as don't incline to Continue in the Garrison; & may also probably put it more into my Power to procure a Recompence from his Majesty for such American Officers as Cannot be provided for out of the blank Commissions sent at present to me & Sir William Pepperell, I hope you will be pleas'd to exert your best Endeavours for promoting the raising of mine & Sir William's Regiments within your Government; and favour Captain Gridley with your Advice and Directions in the Service. I have order'd him to wait upon you with a Copy of his Majesty's Beating Order to me & his Instructions from me for raising Levies. I have brought forward the Consideration of the Enemy's Fort at Crown Point in w^{ch} both Governments & our Neighbours of New Hampshire, Newyork, &c^{a} are concern'd, & shall Let you know what this Governm^{t} proposes for the good of the

Common Cause as soon as we come to a Determination.

I am with great Regard
Sir Your Honour's
most Obedient Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

P. S. The Inclos'd are a Copy of the Journal of the proceedings of the New England forces in the reduction of Louisbourg*, w^ch I have transmitted to his Majesty: and is certify'd, and sign'd by

Sir W. Pepperell as Lieuten^t Gen^l of the Land forces.

Brigadier Waldo, as a Brigadier of the same forces.

Colonel Moore as Colonel of the New Hampshire Regiment, part of the same forces.

Lieuten^t Colonel Lothrop as Commanding officer of the Connecticutt Regiment part of the same forces. — and

Lieuten^t Colonel Gridley of the Train of Artillery.

And in the close of my Letter to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle accompanying the Journal I write to this Effect Viz,

"I desire his Grace to lay the inclosed Journal of the proceedings of the New England Land forces during the siege before his Majesty, and hope his Majesty will be graciously pleas'd to accept 'em as an Instance of the perfect Duty and Inviolable Attachment, w^ch I was persuaded the several Colonies concern'd in the Expedition bore to his Majesty's sacred person and Governm^t"

*This Journal was printed in England in 1746, from a manuscript sent by Pepperrell to Capt. Henry Stafford, with the title *An Accurate Journal and Account of the Proceedings of the New England Land Forces, During the late Expedition Against the French Settlements on Cape Breton, To the Time of the Surrender of Louisbourg.*

If you will be pleas'd to communicate the Journal and postscript of this Letter to your Assembly, I shall be obliged to you.

Hon^ble^ Gov^r^ LAW

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirleys Letter fb^r^ 4^th^ 1745 6

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

BOSTON Feb^y^ the 4^th^ 1745.

Sir,

I shall take it as a favour if you will Countenance & assist Captain Gridley with your good Offices in raising Voluntiers for my Regiment: As I am persuaded you will think the raising of mine & Sir William Pepperells Regiments, as speedily as may be, is not only necessary for most effectualy securing our late Acquisition to his Majesty, & with that the Province of Nova Scotia (ag^t^ w^ch^ I am satisfied by late Acct^s^ from Annapolis Royal that the Enemy is now making Dispositions for attacking that Fort very suddenly) but also for relieving such of our Troops now at Lousbourg as don't incline to Continue in the Garrison: And may also probably put it more in my power to procure a Recompence from his Majesty for such American Officers as Cannot be provided for out of the blank Commissions sent at present to me & Sir William Pepperell, I hope you will be pleas'd to exert your best Endea^r^ for promoting the raising of mine & Sir William's Regiments within your Colony; & favour Cap^t^ Gridley with your Advice & Directions in the Service: And this I shall not Doubt of as I am persuaded you must have the preservation of Louisbourg towards the Acquisition of w^ch^ you have so much Contributed by your personal Service at Heart:

I thank you for the last Supply of men w^ch^ you sent us upon my Letter to you requesting it; & am entirely of your Sentiments y^t^ it would be more for our Interest to act offensively in the Management of the Warr, y^n^ to Content ourselves with being upon the Defensive; As the first Measures will indeed not only more effectually Defend our Frontiers by keeping the Enemy at Home, but very much weaken 'em, at least by being harrass'd in their own Country, towards effecting w^ch^ I have brought forward the Consideration of the Affair of the Enemies Fort at Crown Point, in w^ch^ both Governments & our Neighbours of New Hampshire New york &c^a^ are Concern'd; & shall Let you know what this Government proposes for the good of the Common Cause, as soon as we Come to a Determination: Our Proceedings at Crown Point by opening Lake Champlea to us would be a Considerable Step towards our penetrating into Canada at a proper Opportunity; the Reduction of w^ch^ Place would indeed Comprehend every thing in Favour of the Colonies, & crown our Success most Compleatly; & I have accordingly represented it to the Ministry as a matter of the greatest Consequence to his Majesty's Subjects upon this Continent: If you think I may be of Service to you by the Recommendation of any thing in particular in favour of you be pleas'd to Let me know it & I will serve you to the best of my Power.

I am with great Regard Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant,

W. SHIRLEY.

Hon^bl^ Major General WOOLCOTT

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirly feb 4^th^ 1745

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 10th Febr 1745

Sir

Last night two Frenchmen brot me Your Pass into this Government, who I have confined in Goal, and I cannot help observing that it is very dangerous to permit the Enemy travelling thro' the Country, who should be secured as soon as discovered, therefore I desire that you will not grant any papers to such people for the Future, as I am determined not to receive them, the Governmt being now at the Charge of maintaining Six Prisoners You have sent hither. I am

Sir Your obedient humble Servt

G. CLINTON

The Honble Jonn Law

[Indorsed] Govr Clinton febr 10 1745-6

PHILIP LIVINGSTON TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

New York 12 February 1745/6

Sir

I gave you last fall the trouble of a letter but have not been honourd with an answer, it was on the subject of two yoake of oxen Stolen from me by Benjamin Brace which I Suppose I must quietly Submit to Loose besides the Charge of persueing him to no purpose, however I begg you would be pleased to give me your best advice how to gett my oxen again or have the felon punishd to deter others from doing the like then Ill be Satisfyd. Daniel Edwards Esqr can give you an Information & detaile of ye affair.

I am Concernd to hear and So are all those who have the honr to be acquainted with you that

you are not promoted to Some Considerable Post of Profit for your Singular Conduct & behaviour in the Reduction of Cape Brittoon, this Step taken to promote those who have not been on the Expedition is Somewhat Extraordinary (and in my opinion) very Imprudent, for this may much discourage the Imediate Service, and be attended with bad Consequences in not being able to Raise the two Regiments, I think you be not wellusd, which I suspect proceeds from wrong Representations be it either willfull or Ignorant the Publick Service must Suffer for Such Conduct. I Expected at least you would have had a Lieu^{t} Coll^{o} Post and one of your Sons a Capt on the Establishm^{t}, which would have been but a reasonable Recompence due for your Services, as you be Justly Entitled to this I hope you may Soon Enjoy it.

I have been here Since the 2^{d} of last month to attend the Councill, tho little has been done but what youl See by the Votes of our Assembly to build Six block houses on our Fronteers to be guarded by 120 men from the City & County of Albany but not a man from the Lower Counties is to assist in this duty w^{h} falls heavy on the poor Inhabitants, how men will be gott I cant Imagine unless with great difficulty.

our assembly have agreed to have Com^{rs} of war appointed to meet those from the Neighbouring Governm^{ts} to Carry on the war to agree on ways & means how and in what manner to proceed &^{c} but the persons, who; it Seems to be the dispute; for the house will consent to none but those they can confide in, on which as I take it they will Insist. So that it may probably come to nothing which is to be pettyd. I need not Remind you what you know

and have Seen, that is enough to Say no more, on that Subject.

I hear that I have had the good fortune to gett all my Pigg metle to the River, that I shall be able to Supply all your forges as fast as they can work it up into bar Iron I want to Sell it, if I cant gett New york money for it, I Shall accept your Currancy. Rum Molashes, Pork, beef, Tallow, bees wax, & barbary wax, which I begg you to Communicate as you have oppertunity wherein you will do a Singluar favour to who am

Sir

your most Humble Servant

PH. LIVINGSTON

To the Hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOT Esq^r^

JONATHAN LAW TO GIDEON WANTON.

MILFORD March y^e^ 3 – 1745/6

*S^r^*

I have given orders for the fitting our Sloop Defence for y^e^ Seas and Should be Exceeding Glad if yours & ours might Cruise in Consort as in times past, if any privateer Should Come on our Coast, tis likely they will Come pretty Strong

I am S^r^ your faithfull friend

and obliged humble Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

To y^e^ hon^lle^ Gov^r^ WANTON

JONATHAN LAW TO GURDON SALTONSTALL.

MILFORD March y^e^ 3 – 1745/6

*S^r^*

The Countrey Sloop Defence was Committed to your Care and haveing had opportunity to ask y^e^

advise of y^e^ Council do now Direct and order That you take y^e^ proper Measures for fitting her for y^e^ Seas with all Convenient Speed Cap^t^ Prentice informed me y^t^ Some Carpentry Work was wanting which being Supplyed She might Serve another Summer Some thought it might be best to have her to Middletown to her Builder but I Leave that to your Discretion, with Service to M^r^ Miller In hast

I subscribe

Your humble Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

To Coll. GORDON SALTONSTALL

[Indorsed] Copies of Letters to Gov^r^ Wanton & Coll^l^ Saltonstall March 1745/6

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON March y^e^ 3^d^ 1745/6

Hon^ble^ Sir

Since you, not long ago, favour'd the Owners of Sloop Three Friends, with a Coñission, for a Flagg Truce, which Commis^n^ was not improv'd. I tho't it my duty to inform Your Hon^r^ the reasons why it was not. Viz^t^ The inteligence s^d^ Owners had, by Gentlemen from New York, that a Flagg Truce from New York was actually detain'd at Highspaniola, and the aversness in the Sloops Comp^y^ upon y^s^ advice, to proceed the Voy^a^. The Frenchmen that were here (being 5 in Number) advis'd to proceed for Boston, where there's a Flagtruce bound for France, and they readily came into the proposal, and sett out on their Journy about ten days since. Cap^t^ Prentis tells me its absolutely necessary that the Sloop Defence's Maindeck be better secur'd, if She goes another Cruise,

the doing of which will cost about One hundred Pounds. And should your Honour think proper i'le take care it be well done, as soon as I am favour[d] with Your Commands.

Y[r] Hon[rs] most Obed[t]
& Most Hum[e] Serv[t]
G: SALTONSTALL

To the Hon[ble] Jon Law Esq[r] Gov[r]

[Superscribed] To the Hon[ble] Jonathan Law Esq[r] Gov[r] of Connecticutt att Milford

JOHN BULKLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford March 7[th] 1745/6

S[r]

I have had a long Course of Sickness in my family in w[c] I have lost one, a very good Man Servant, w[c] was w[t] prevented my being Westw[d] in the Time of the Super[r] Court, as I hoped I should, & when I Intended (according to my promise) to let you know my Tho'ts on the affair you were pleased to mention to me. I have not given over the Thots of Coming, but believe it Cannot be till the End of this Circuit, however I Should be willing to let Your Hon[r] know y[t] Such is the present State of my family & So great the difficulties in my own affairs that at present I Cannot come into a Resolution to undertake the business of an Agent at the Court of Great Brittain, how my circumstances may alter I Cannot tell I have a hearty desire to Serve my Countrey if y[y] would allow of it in any business I am Capable of. I am ready to Conclude that Such is State of affairs att Home that it is an Ill time to be there on Such an Errand & that nothing Could be Expected to be done very Soon. Capt Lee the bearer hereof is coming to offer

his Service as a Capt[n] in the Countrey Sloop understanding Such an officer is like to be wanted, Capt Prentis being about to Embark for England. And as this I believe is true I would willingly Signify my thots that Capt Lee might Serve very well therein. I ask your pardon for this letter in the greatest hast not knowing of his Design to go to Millford before this minute & Subscribe

Your Honours Most Obed[t] Hum[ble] Ser[t]

JOHN BULKLEY

Gov[r] Law

[Superscribed] To the Hon[ble] Jonath[N] Law Esq Gov[r] of Connect[t] at Millford

[Indorsed] Coll[l] Bulkley's March 7 1745-6

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N[th] Hampton March 10, 1745/6

S[r],

When I was lately in Boston I Rec[vd] your Letter concerning your Supplying your Souldiers on the frontiers with Blanketts &c. Since which I have had no Intelligence of the Enemy 'till last night, when I Rec[vd] the Enclosed.

our Scouts (I think) are duely maintained, but as to the men at Blanford & Stockbridge I know little of them, and dont know whither you expect that I give Directions to them, I apprehend that hitherto they have been little needed, and have been Employed to no advantage, probably when the Spring comes on there will be need of them, for that part of the Country may be Infested by Sculking Parties, if my Care of them be expected I will Endeavour that they be Employed in the best manner to Serve your outmost Towns as well as ours.

On Wednesday 26 of Febry Capt Stevens and Capt Melvin with about 150 volentiers took their departure from No. 4, they purpose up Connectct River 'till they come near the head of it, there to Build a place of Defence, thence to Range the Woods in the Indians Hunting Ground in small Parties the Season (for some time) was very favourable to them, they purposed to be out 5 or 6 weeks.

if any thing of Moment Occur I shall acquaint you with it.

I remain Your Most Humble Servant
JOHN STODDARD

the Honble ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr

[Superscribed] To the Honble ROGÉR WOLCOTT Esqr Deputy Govnr of the Colony of Connectct Att Windsor

[Indorsed] Collo Stodard March 10 1746

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

NTH HAMPTON March 10, 1745/6

Sr,

Since my Writing to you this Morning I Receivd yours of the 7th Instant wherein you make mention of some difficulty about the Souldiers Allowance, of which I had heard something before, and took Occasion to Enquire into the meaning of it, both of Majr Williams (the Commissary) and of Capt Ephraim Williams, who I suppose is one that Deals out the Provisions, who agree in the same Story.

It seems that they have their Choice either to have Garrison Souldiers allowance, or Marching Allowance, and I should think it Strange if after so long Experience as our Government have had, they should

not know what was Sufficient for a man. and that what is allowed is exactly dealt to the Souldiers every weak Saving that their meat and bread is dealt out to them at 14 Ounces for a Pound because of Wastage or Dryage as they term it, for which they have had particular direction from the Commissary Gen[ll].

I perceive they have been wont to deal out greater weight but the Souldiers finding fault the Commissary Gen[ll] was applyed to, who assures that the Practice has always been to deliver the Provisions as afores[d] therefore now they Punctually observe his Directions.

I have heard that they are not well provided with Pots and Kettles to Boyl their Victuals in, therefore I did t'other day advise either Maj[r] Williams or Cap[t] Williams to send to the Commissary Gen[ll] for what was wanting.

I am S[r] Your Humble Servant
JOHN STODDARD

I wrote to you this Morning Concerning your men in the Western frontiers. M[r] Hubbert of Sheffield has been with me this week, seems much concerned least due Care should not be taken to Cover their neighbouring Towns. J. S.

[Superscribed] To the Hon[ble] ROGER WOLCOTT Esq[r] Deputy Gov[nr] of the Colony of Connect[ct] Att Windsor

PHILIP LIVINGSTON TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MANNOR LIVINGSTON 25 March 1746

Honourable Sir

Your favours of the 28 February I Recieved ℔ Post at New York, I have much trouble with Some men I imploy to gett their liveing who Study to

deceive me in almost every Shape, I am glad to hear you have a good opinion of M^r^ Edwards but for my part I find him to be very Remiss to let me know how my affair with Benjamin Brace Stands, the oxen he has Stole are mine tho' I do not expect to have them again till I have Spent twice the Value of them which I am determined to do for I Shall be more pleasd to Spend them in Law and not have them to gett the felon punishd for it but according to your Law. could I gett him in this Governm^t^ I would Endeavour to have him hangd to deter other felons to committ the like felony. I shall trouble you with a Strange Story about two yoake of oxen taken from me and drove to Sheffield for which I have been at Law about two year I Refer you to copy of a letter I have from my attorney concerning them.

I am fully persuaded of your faithfull Services to lead out the Connecticut troops for y^e^ Reduction of Cape Bretton. I suspect that you have not been mentioned by Gen^l^ Pepperrall & Admirall Warren, in the Representation made by them to his majesty of the Reduction of that value Conquest, that I impute as the Sole Reason you have been left unprovided for as for my Speakeing to Gov^r^ Clinton to do you any Service would at this time reather do an Injury. I am out of his favour he has Rec^d^ Such Ill Impressions from designing men against me & my Son Philip who has been free to Speak about the managem^t^ of the ꝑsents at Albany &c that nothing I can do or Say will please him at ꝑsent. I thank god I want none of his favours, but I hear he is Strongly bent against me to do me what Injury he can, and he has great Interest at home So that I Expect the weight of his Resentm^t^ ag^st^ me however unjust it may be I must Submitte I have however Spoake to Severall of your acquaintance at

New York, who I think would Serve you if in your Power, they advice you to make a Just Represention of your Case with a letter to the Duke of New Castle to send the Same to Gov^r^ Shirley for his perusall & approbation with a desire to write in your favour, and if he should decline it. I would advice you not to lett your affair & Claime lye dorment but to Send your Services well attested by your Gov^r^ & Councill if you not capable to draw it your Self gett Some able hand to do it for you. I think the least Recompence you can ask for your faithfull Services is to have a Leiu^t^ Colonels Commission in one of y^e^ american Regiments or while you be far advanced in years, in lieu thereof a Pension of 3 a £400 Sterl. ℔ annum and a Comp^y^ for one of your Sons or grand Sons in S^d^ Regiments, which is the least y^e^ ministry ought to give you, I believe it would add much Weight to your Solicitations to send a line to y^e^ Chiefe Justice desiring him to write to Adm^ll^ Warren in your favour to the Duke of New Castle in what Station you was on the late Expedition &^c^ I wish & hope you may succeed to obtain what you desire which I Should be very glad to hear.

Your Colony has done more for guarding the fronteers of your Neighbours then our assembly have done for their the defence & Security of their own and they have been Sitting Since octob who of our desendants would believe Such a Story 5 year hence Strange managem^t^ indeed what will be done is yet uncertain, and the Enemy frequently discoverd on our fronteers in large Bodys, who as soon as the Snow is from the ground or when the trees be green will make dreadfull havack among the Inhabitants who live Remote from y^e^ City to the west & Southw^d^ of it to the northw^d^ they all broake up & left to the mercy of y^e^

Enemy. what a Shamefull thing will this be. and youl have heard before now in what temper the Six Nations be now which last is owing to mismanagem[t] but Some men will act ag[st] reason. and Everyone must Say its well done. I wish this may find you Enjoy the Great blessing of health. I am

Sir your most humble Servant
PH. LIVINGSTON

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 31 Mar: 1746

Sir

I acquainted You the 27[th] Jan[y] last, that Committees of both Houses had requested me to appoint Commissioners, to treat with Commissioners to be appointed by the Neighbouring Governments, touching our mutual Security and Defence during the present War. I have accordingly appointed Commissioners for that purpose, so has Gov[r] Shirley, and I hope the like Steps will be taken by Your Government without delay; In the mean time I have inclosed Copys of the Minutes of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs of the 25[th] Febry last, containing the Resolution of the Six Nations of Indians, as signified by the Interpreter, in Answer to my Message, requiring them to enter into the War with us, ag[t] the French and Indians in Alliance with them, that it may appear to You, how highly it imports the several Colonys upon the Continent to unite their Endeavours, with this; effectually to preserve the Six Nations and the other Indians in Alliance with us & them, in their Fidelity to His Majesty, and Dependence upon the British Interest, as all are so nearly concerned in the Consequences of their Revolt, which

seems next to be apprehended, since they have refused engaging in the War.

I am

Your obedient humble servant

G. CLINTON

P. S. I've had no answer from You to my letter of the 27th Jany wch makes me doubt it miscarried

The Honble Jonn Law Esqr

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Sir,

I am informed that your Council of War are about to Draw off your Soldiers that are posted on the frontier of this Province between Stockbridge & Blanford, and as I perceive that many of the inhabitants of those parts if they lose this protection will Draw off, which will not only be a Disadvantage to this Province, but will lay a part of your Colony more open to the Enemy, I must earnestly desire the Said Council of War would either Continue the Said Soldiers in that Post, or Supply it with others in their Room untill further other provision be made by this Province

I am Sir,

Your most Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

I shall with great pleasure use my Endeavours wth the Ministry at home in your favour as you desire

To the Honble Roger Wolcot Esqr

[Indorsed] Gov Shirley 1746

PHILIP LIVINGSTON TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Jan^{r} 24. 1745/6

Sir

I Rec^{d} yours of y^{e} 22 Nov. last but have had no opportunity to Send you an answer till now and with Respect to y^{e} oxen I was Exceeding uneasy with y^{e} Judgem^{t} obtaind agst you on Severall acc^{ts} one was because it was finall by our Law, another was because I knew the Judgem^{t} to be obtaind by false Evidence, another was I doubted not but y^{e} oxen were honestly yours, and upon y^{e} whole, I sett my Self to device & find out & Improve y^{e} best methods for your Relief and Concluded to make a tryall of those methods that might be Improv'd without Charge, first I wrote a letter to the man guilty of y^{e} false Evidence for I knew him to be a proud Conceited fellow, and indeed it was that that Run him into y^{e} Error of false Swearing, and he came to me and I Endeavor'd to Terrifie him with y^{e} danger of Corporall punishment and y^{e} Scandall of being Recorded for perjury and that I had your orders to prosecute him forthwith upon which he Instantly began to Relent & flagg, and I ply'd the Case home and we Came Soon to an agreem^{t} by which I consented to give up y^{e} Instrum^{ts} Elliot your Clerk took of Hubble that I might not be able to make it appear he was guilty of perjury and I am to proceed in that Case and he gave me a bond for £150: old Tenor to be p^{d} y^{e} 15 may next w^{h} I Supposd then was Sufficient to pay for y^{e} oxen according to y^{e} Judgemt I first obtaind which was y^{e} sum of £76 8 8 old Tenor and y^{e} Judgemt was all y^{e} Rule I had to go by for I knew nothing of y^{e} oxen, and also to discharge y^{e} Executions they obtain'd agst you & for (for I told you by Ensign Root they had gott y^{e} last

Cost Taxed agst me) to pay all y^{e} Cost I had Expended, but I am now affraid whether it will be sufficient but I had then not any of ye Judgm^{ts} of Court by me & could do no better than guess at it, and I hope to be able to Send you y^{e} above sum for y^{e} oxen & y^{e} £30 you p^{d} Ens: Root Sometime next summer &c. Copy

p^{mo} April 1746

W^{m} Bevin one of my Tenants has desired a hue in Crie agst W^{m} Wiecock for Stealing a horse from him, he tells me he is at farming Town which I have granted, knowing him to be an old offender last year I had him apprehended here on a hue in Cry from orange County for horse Stealing but made his Escape from y^{e} Constable and Since as I am informd Stole Severall horses out of my Manor. I hope you will be So good to have him apprehended and punishd or Sent hither to be tryd & hangd for his maney notorious Crimes, or have him banishd to have Such felons Removd from y^{e} Continent, Such fellows would do at Cape Bretton. I begg you to give the bearer the best advice & assistance you can that he may have his horse again and to pardon me for giveing you this trouble. I am

y^{r} humble servant

PH. LIVINGSTON

Pray forward y^{e} Inclosed.

[Indorsed by Wolcott] M^{r} Levinston March 6 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

Milford April 3^{d} 1746

S^{r}

I had y^{e} favour of the 31st of the last month and shall (god willing) lay it before our Assembly w^{ch}

will open on y^e 2^d Thursday of the next month I look on it as a matter of great Importance yet I observe that your Excellency has not proposd either time or place for y^e meeting of Com^rs neither was there in that of 27^th of Jan^r and in that of y^e 10^th of ffeb^r you made no mention of this affair. the first four Prisoners had no Liberty from me thô they had fought for it, as being a place where fflags of Truce were more likely to come. the other two were att my House when your Messenger came whom I understood to be a frenchman, a Prisoner at large, born in Britain, taken att or near Hispaniola in a Privateer by Cap^t Warren. the two men made their Escape from a place near Boston under the Care of the High Sheriff to whom I gave an Acc^t but never had an Answer. one of the men urged very hard That he had a brother at Albany marryd and settled there. the truth of which I thôt would be easily found out att N York however shall for y^e future forbear such an Indulgence

I am S^r in deep humility
Your Devoted and obedient Servant
JON^TH LAW

To his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON Esq^r

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r Clinton April 3^d 1746

SAMUEL WELLES TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON, 7^th April, 1746

Honourable Sir,

This day a Ship arrived from Bristol by which we have advice that Capt Curtice who carried the last packet from Connecticot is taken by a French pri-

vateer which has been the fate of almost every vessel bound from hence to England, the Rebellion called the attention of our men of war & other so much near home that probably the french Privateers found they could watch & take our merchantmen at a distance & be safe, I tho't it necessary to give this information, not knowing but your affairs might very much require a speedy duplicate I am

Your most obed^{t} Hum^{le} Serv^{t}

SAMUEL WELLES

Govern^{r} Law

P. S Capt Curtice is retaken & Carried in to Dartmouth but doubtless all his papers are gone

S. W.

[Superscribed] B^{o} 2/8 To The Honourable Jonathan Law Esq^{r} Gov^{r} &c In Milford Connecticut.

[Indorsed] M^{r} Wells's April 7th 1746

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford April 8th 1746

Honb^{le} S^{r}

I Have Sent to Your Honou^{r} the Accompt of Charge Drawn up by Coll^{o} Trumble and M^{r} Secretary Wyllys of the Late Expedition against Cape Breton with an Estimate of what Still Remains for this Colony to pay till June Next as your Honour will See by perusing the account it was thought Best, that your Honour Should have it as Soon as Possible, that So it might be Sent to England by the First Good Opertunity I fear it hath been to Long Delayed all Ready there is a Duplicate Drawn which I thought might be Kept hear till Your Honou^{r} Comes

to Hartford in May and So might if thought best be Sent from thence to Boston

I am S^r^ Your Honou^rs^ Obedient
Humble Serv^tt^

NATH^LL^ STANLY

[Indorsed by Law] Coll^l^ Stanly's of April 8 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO PETER WARREN.

Sr

Y^r^ favour of y^e^ 13^th^ of Decem^r^ Last as also Your Joint Letter with S^r^ W^m^ Pepperil of Jan^y^ Last I have rec^d^ altho y^e^ Last did not come to hand till sometime near y^e^ time you proposed for y^e^ imbarkation for Louisbourg and y^e^ reason you Assign'd for y^e^ raising of y^m^ viz y^e^ doubt you had about y^e^ regular troops y^t^ were destin'd for y^t^ Garrison arriveing Seasonably: we had y^e^ Agreeable news of y^e^ Arrival of those Troops in New York and Virginia antecedant to y^e^ receit of Your Letter so y^t^ I concluded y^t^ had you but had y^t^ news you would have Supposed y^e^ raising of more men by y^e^ Govern^t^ would have been needless and knowing y^t^ it would have been altogether impracticable to raise men and Send y^m^ so Soon as those Troops could arrive. besides concluded if they had been raised you w^d^ not have Occasion of y^m^ so y^t^ I did not call y^e^ Assembly upon it, altho (if it had not been for those things) I should (& doubt not but I may also Speake for y^e^ Legislature of this Colony) have exerted ourselves to y^e^ utmost of our power to preserve Such a valuable Acquisition to our Royal Master's dominions as to your first beg Leave to thank you for Your Expressed regards for this Colony and hope they will always retain a thank full

remembrance of your noble and Generous dispositions to y^m^ and perhaps you cannot affect y^m^ in a more feeling and Sensible manner than to use your intrest for this Colony's obtaining y^e^ priviledge of Victualing y^e^ Garrison of Louisbourg and y^e^ Squadron under your command y^e^ effect whereof as your Excell^y^ very Judiciously observes will very probably influence our Exchange as it will occasion a considerable quantum of Sterling bills among us. I also thank you for your notice of y^e^ Gen^t^ I mention'd to you who informs me y^t^ your Excellency proposes a partnership between him and Mr Steward of New London both of y^m^ I can cheerfully recommend to you and doubt not but whatever betrustment you shall either conferr or procure to be conferred on y^m^ will be discharged with honour; if you Shall at any time have any commands please to use freedom with him who always is with great regards

Sr Y^r^ Obedient Hum^le^ Ser^t^

JON^TH^ LAW

MILFORD April 8 1746

His Excell^y^ P. WARREN Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Warren April 1746

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

WHITEHALL April 9^th^ 1746.

Gentlemen,

I am commanded to acquaint you, that His Majesty has been pleased to order five Battalions of His Troops, under the Command of Lieutenant General S^t^ Clair, to go from hence, as soon as possible, with a sufficient Convoy of Men of War, to Louisburg; in order to be employed, together with the Regiment of

Major General Framptom, which has been some time ordered to embark for Louisburg, and with the two Regiments sent thither from Gibraltar; and also with such Troops, as shall be levied, for that Purpose, in North America; for the immediate Reduction of Canada; And I am commanded by His Majesty to signify His Pleasure to You (as I shall do to the other Governors of the said Colonies) that You should forthwith make the necessary Dispositions for raising as many Men, as the Shortness of the Time will permit, within your Government, to be employed in Conjunction with His Majestys regular forces, on this important Service. It is hoped Lieutenant General S^{t} Clair will be able to sail from hence, with the Troops under His Command, the latter End of this month, or the Beginning of May.

It is the King's Intention, that the Troops to be raised in North America, should consist of Companies of 100 Men Each; and that the Troops to be raised in Massachusets Bay, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, should rendezvous at Louisburg, as soon as possible, in order to proceed, under the Command of such officer, as shall be appointed by Lieutenant General Sinclair, and under Convoy of His Majesty's Fleet, to the River of S^{t} Lawrence, and proceed up the River immediately to Quebec, with such Ships of War, Sloops, and other armed Vessels, to be furnished by the Provinces, as Rear Admiral Warren, who will have the Command of the Squadron to be employed in this Expedition, shall appoint. You will therefore use the utmost Expedition in raising as many Men as possible, within the Province of Connecticut and take the proper Measures for their arriving at Louisburg, before the Time that Lieutenant General S^{t} Clair may be expected there. You will also appoint

proper Officers to command the Men, You shall be able to raise; for which Purpose a Number of Blank Commissions will be sent you by the next Conveyance; And you will transmit to Rear Admiral Warren, at Louisburg, Accounts, directed to M^r^ S^t^ Clair, of what You shall have been able to do herein.

You will assure all Those, that shall engage in this Service, as well officers, as Soldiers, that they will immediately enter into His Majesty's Pay; the Officers, from the Time they shall engage in His Majesty's Service; and the Soldiers, from the respective Days, on which they shall enlist; And that they shall come in for a Share of any Booty to be taken from the Enemy; and be sent back to their respective Habitations, when this Service shall be over, unless any of them shall desire to settle elsewhere.

As to the Article of Arms and Cloathing, for the Men to be raised, His Majesty has commanded me to recommend it to you, and the other Governors, to take Care that the Soldiers may be provided with them; and His Majesty has authorised, and empowered Lieu^t^ General S^t^ Clair, to make a reasonable Allowance for defraying that Expence.

You will recommend it to the Council, and Assembly, to provide a sufficient Number of Transports, to carry the Troops, to be raised in Connecticut, to Louisburg; and from thence up the River of S^t^ Lawrence, and a sufficient Quantity of Provisions for their Subsistance: And also to provide as many armed Vessels, as can be got, to serve in the Expedition, under the Command of Reare Admiral Warren.

I am ordered by His Majesty to recommend it to you, to make the strictest Enquiry for any Persons, that may be acquainted with the Navigation of the River of S^t^ Lawrence: And if You can find any such,

You will engage them at any Rate, to serve as Pilots on board His Majesty's Fleet, and You will send them as soon as possible to Louisburg; for that purpose.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
HOLLIS NEWCASTLE

Governor and Company of Connecticut.

WILLIAM PEPPERELL TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

LOUISBOURG Aprill 15th 1746

Hon^ble and Dear Sir,

As I have wrote you at large since I have had any of your Favours, and am greatly hurried, I beg Leave to referr You to Colonels Lothrop and Goodrich for a particular Account of Affairs here; but having this Opportunity by a Vessell bound to Connecticut I could not omit my Complements to You, and just let you know that, through God's Goodness, I am still alive. We have endured great Hardships and Anxiety the Winter past, especially on Account of the terrible Sickness, and Mortality that has raged amongst us, to such a Degree, that it look'd sometimes as if the whole Army was destind to Destruction by it, and which has actually carried off above one third of our Numbers since November, But Blessed be God, he has in the midst of Judgment remember'd Mercy and I can now with pleasure inform You that it is a Time of General Health in the Garrison

Among those that have been taken away, is the Reverend and valuable M^r Baccus, who was much esteem'd here, and his Death greatly lamented.

As his Majesty has been graciously pleasd to give me the Command of a Regiment, for the Defence

of this Place, to be rais'd in his American Colonies, I hope I shall have the assistance of the Gentlemen who were with me on the Expedition, and I flatter myself that your Intrest will not be wanting to promote my raising part of it in your Colony. It gives me much Uneasiness that it is put so much out of my power to reward the good Services of the brave Officers who by the Blessing of God on their exemplary Bravery, and Resolution to surmount all Difficulties in their way have gain'd the noble Acquisition What little I have in my Power to bestow I shall endeavour to distribute in the most impartial Manner I am able and sincerely wish it was in my Power to reward every Officer and Soldier that came in that Expedition

I hope your Government will be so good as to transport what Men shall be raised amongst You to those Vessells that they send to fetch home their Troops now here

I am with much respects
Hon^ble^ Sir
Your Sincere Friend &
Most Hum^bl^ Serv^t
WM PEPPERRELL

Hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^r^
[Indorsed] S^r^ W^m^ Peperill Aug (?) 15 1746

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG Aprill 15^th^ 174[illegible].

Hon^ble^ Sir.

As I have wrote you at large since I have recieved any of your Favours, I shall not inlarge at this Time, but referr your Honour to Col. Lothrop and Col. Goodrich for the particular Account of Affairs

here But as I have this Opportunity, by a Vessell bound to Connecticut, I could not omitt paying you my Complements. We have endured much Hardship, and Anxiety in this Garrison the Winter past, especially on Account of the grievous Sickness and mortality that has prevail'd among us, and has carried off above one third part of our Numbers since November last; But Blessed be God that he has in Judgment rememberd Mercy, and it is now a Time of General Health among us. As his Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to give me the Command of a Regiment for the Defence of this Acquisition to be rais'd in his American Colonies, I cannot doubt of your Interest to promote the speedy Raising of it as this Place when once well garrisond will be of great Advantage to the neighbouring Colonies, without any further Expence to them.

I am extremely sorry that I have it not more in my Power to reward the good Services of the Brave Officers who were with me on the Expedition: what little I have in my Power I shall endeavour to distribute in the best Manner I am able.

This waits on you by Mr Whiting, whom I have employ'd to recruit for my Regiment in Connecticut, in which I beg your Honour's Favour and Protection of him, and I hope your Government will transport what Men may be raised there, in those Vessells which they send to fetch home their Troops now here. I am with Great Esteem

Hon^ble^ Sir
Your Most obed^t^
Hum^ble^ Serv^t^
W^M^ PEPPERRELL

Hon^ble^ Governor LAW.

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Pepperil April 14 1746

SIMON LOTHROP TO JONATHAN LAW.

[ ] 16th April 1746

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[ ] my last to you
[ ] that our three
[ ] Gorham Masters were
[ ]rning after which they
[ ] on Shoar by streess of weather. Since
[ ]h Capt Gorhoms Sloope is stoavd to peaces. Capt [ ]one gon home & I hope Safe arived, & I Could by no means git Capt Crooks to Return til this week, he has now on bord beetween fourty and fifty of our Sick & infirm. I having not ye Doctors Bill I C[ ]t tel ye Certain Number. Capt Halley is Sent for a fraight (?) of wood, our Numbers by Sickness are reduced to less then Two Hundred & Eighty, when the British Troops arive & the Regiments to be Raised hear in america are filld we have the Promise to be dismised, we Expect the troops every day, & we have no Vesell hear to transport us home but Capt Halleys Sloop, So when we have liberty to return we Shall be obliged to Ship in the trading Vesells unless Some in the Coutys (?) pay the hear to transport us, the Sickness & mortality in the armey is wonderfully abated, I have nothing new So rest your Honours Most obedient & humble Sert

SIMON LOTHROP

To the Honall Jonath Law Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honorabll Jonathan Law Esqr att Millford In Connecticut ℔ Capt Crook

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH HAMPTON Aprill 24 1746

S^r,

Tuesday night at ten of the Clock I had an Express that Informed me that a man travailing between Fall Town and Deerfield was Shot at by one or more Indians, I saw his hat & it was Evidently shot through the Brims on each side, the Ball passed through within less than an Inch of his forehead.

yester Evening I had an account that Upper Asshuelot was beset by the Enemy, Cap^t Field writes me that the People at lower Asshuelot heard the Guns firing at the Upper Town for three quarters of an Hour, they sent some men to the Top of a Mountain from whence they had a good Prospect though at about three Miles distance. they saw divers Houses in aflame, and Judged that the Meeting House, M^r Bacons, and others were on fire but the smoak was so great that they could not well distinguish. the Guns continued playing. I have sent near two Hundred men to their relief.

I was in some doubt whither to send this Express, but supposed that it would gratifie you and others to be Informed if it had no other effect.

I can't at present give you any account what mischief has happened to any, there being no Person from thence to tell us.

I am S^r Your very Humble Servant.

JOHN STODDARD.

Gov^ur WOLCOTT.

SAMUEL WELLES TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON, April 26. 1746

Honourable Sir,

Your Packet I have rec[d] & shall carefully forward by the first opportunity, which I doubt will hardly be in less than a fortnight I hope as the Rebellion is over, the Channel will be better guarded than it could well be when the men of war were confined to watch the Coasts & prevent defionts or landing troops The trade here hath suffered extreamly by the many vessels taken going from & coming to this place, I am with a very high respect.

Your most Hum[l] Serv[t]

SAMUEL WELLES

Hon[ble] Gov[r] LAW.

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq[r] Govern[r] &c In Milford

[Indorsed] M[r] Welless Letter April 26[th] 1746

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT TO GEORGE WYLLYS

BOSTON April 26[th] 1746

Sir;

It is very disagreable to hear the Complaints of the Failure of your Governm[t] in performing the Stipulations & Conditions on your Part made & engaged in settling the divisional Line between us, We now refer particularly to the Difficulties Col[o] Hutchinson & his Sister Wolcot (Heirs to Major Thomas Clarke) meet with in the five hundred Acres at Auguebutuck.

This Tract is expresly agreed to be & remain as granted & laid out to said Clarke, to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever, in the very Instrument

for setling the Line between the two Governments, under the Hands & Seals of the Commissioners on both sides June 13th 1713, as well as included in the general Agreemt that the Lands granted by either Government near the Line, tho' on running it they should fall out of the Governmt granting them, they should yet remain to the original Grantees according to Priority of Grant, and on July 12th 1714 the Governour & Commissioners of both Governments agreed that this land belonged to Major Clarke, and that an Equivalent should be given by this Government to Connecticut for it, wch the Massachusetts have been ever ready to do, since the Survey of it was made, and therefore by the most express Declaration of both Parties this Land ought & is to be and belong to said Clarke & his Heirs & Assigns for ever.

We therefore hope, Sir, that your Government will forthwith take effectual Care that Justice is done to Colo Hutchinson & Mrs Wolcott, by putting 'em into Possession of the before mention'd Lands, in Consequence of the Agreement between both Governmts & pursuant to the good Faith with which it ought to be carried into Execution as well on the Part of the Colony of Connecticut as of the Massachusetts Governmt which has ever been & still is ready to give an Equivalent for 'em.

In the Name & by Order of the General Court of the Province of the Massachusets Bay

J WILLARD Secry

GEORGE WILLIS Esqr

[Indorsed] Secry Wyllard to Wyllis April 26 1746
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WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

BOSTON April 28. 1746

Sir,

Without Doubt Col° Stoddard has given you an Account of the Mischiefs done by the Indians in the Western Frontiers: They have also killed & captivated many Persons in the Eastern Frontiers & near Merrimack River; and burnt divers Houses; Whereupon I shall raise four or five hundred Men more than what are now in the Pay of this Province; I do therefore at the Request of the Council & Repres^ent^ves of this Province earnestly desire that your Government would forthwith send at least sixty Men for the Protection of Blandford & Stockbridge & the Settlem^ts between them.

I am Sir

Your most Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

Major General WOLCOT

WARREN AND PEPPERRELL TO JONATHAN LAW.

LOUISBOURG May 6^th^ 1746

Sir,

The weak Condition of this Garrison by Sickness put us under a Necessity of applying to your Honour, by our joint Letter of 25^th^ of January last, for a Reinforcement as early as possible this Spring; lest we should be disappointed in the Troops intended for our Relief from Gibraltar; but as they happily arrived here the 21^st^ of last Month, and as the Sickness is greatly abated in the Garrison; we flatter our selves that if the Colonies, who are, as well as our Mother Country, greatly interested in the Safety and prosperity of this Acquisition, will forward the raising and

transporting Levies, so as to keep the four Regiments, appointed for its Protection, compleat; we shall have no further Occasion to put them to any Trouble or Expence, for the Defence of this Conquest: But as we find that the two Gibraltar Regiments do not consist of above 1200 Men, Officers and all, including two Companies and a quarter yet expected in a Transport from New York; and that, (besides the old Troops, for whose speedy Dismission, you are sensible, the Faith of the Governments to which they respectively belong, is engaged, and our promise also) we have not above 400 Men belonging to the two new American Regiments, including those that have inlisted here, and that have been sent from New England, which makes it all but about 1600 men; we hope the Levies will go on well in all the Colonies, that it may be in our Power to keep their, and our Faith with the old Troops. And as the Good of his Majesty's Service is so greatly herein, we doubt not but your Government will offord their best Assistance, by Encouraging the Inlistments among them, and transporting what Men may be raised, by all such Vessels as may be bound here, from your Government. We shall send home, by every Opportunity, as many of the old Troops belonging to the several Colonies (whose health or other Necessities most require it) as the Arrival of the Levies for the new Regiments, and the other Circumstances of the Garrison will admit of. We are, Your Honour's very humble Servants

P WARREN
WM PEPPERRELL

P S. Please to forward the Letters inclos'd herewith

Hon^ble^ Governor LAW

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

LEWISBURG y^e^ 8^th^ May 1746

Sir

I am favour'd with yours of the 8^th^ of April and have now the pleasure to Acquaint you that The Gibraltar Troops are safe Arived Except two Companys and a quarter y^t^ put into New york which wee also dayly expect, tho when shee Arrives the Two Regiments will not be above 1200 men officers included, and we shant be Able to raise above 400 for the two American Regiments here, however I hope and make not the least doubt, as the security of this acquisition is of the greatest Importance to our mother Country as well as to y^e^ Collonys but they and I flatter myself I need not say you will Incourage the Levies y^t^ are Carrying on by the recruiting officers of this Garrison It will be a particular service if you send all such recruits here by every oppertunity that shall offer by which means you will Enable us to discharge such of the old Troops as have not inlisted, and to whom our faith is ingaged, wee shall Imediatly discharge as many of those whose Circumstances require it most as is Consistant with y^e^ safety of the Garrison, and y^e^ rest as fast as recruits shall Arrive, you may be assured I shall show the People of y^r^ Colony all the favour in My Power, and on My return to England which I hope will be soon I will solicit y^e^ Ministry in behalf of y^e^ people y^t^ have made this Acquisition who I think have not been very well treated, and will at y^e^ samee time recomend that Conecticut may reap somee benefitt by it by supplying it with such of their produce as shall be necessary for this Garison, I shall allways be very proud of y^r^ Comands being with great regard

S^r^ your Most humble

And Obed^t^ Serv^t^

Hon^ble^ Gov^r^ LAW P WARREN

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON May 12th 1746

Sir,

As his Excy Governour Clinton of New York has sent circular Letters to the several Governours on the Continent as far as Virginia, to propose a Convention of Commissioners from each Governmt to consult upon Measures for carrying on the War against the common Enemy, and I find no other fruit of this seasonable Proposal so much for the honour of his Majtys Governmt & the Safety of his Subjects, but the chearful & ready Compliance of this single Province (who have chosen Commissioners for this Purpose) I think my self obliged in common Humanity to my fellow Subjects (who are daily suffering under this bloody & Savage War) as well as in duty to his Majesty to second these Proposals of Mr Clinton with my earnest Sollicitations that this Affair may be once more seriously considered by the several Governments in all its Circumstances.

It is well known that such is the Situation of the French in these Northern Parts, where they have not one single Port, & such the superior Strength of the English that by the ordinary blessing of Providence upon our vigorous Endeavours their Destruction would be inevitable, but if the Places that are now free from any immediate Danger by the French & Indians on the Land Part will be deaf to all the Sollicitations from the Colonies that are most deeply affected with this War for Succour in their distressed State, in a short time the Enemy will in all Probability depopulate such unhappy deserted Provinces, & then those who now think themselves in Security will feel the Miseries of this bloody War, & too late repent of the Neglect of their own Inter-

est as well as their Disregard to their fellow Subjects. And what is greatly to be lamented in our present Case is, that with all the Advantages we have over our Enemies, yet for want of an Union of Councils among ourselves (which renders us contemptible in the Eyes of the Indians) the French, who are weak in themselves, but in the strictest Combination with one another and the Savages that dwell among or near them, are like to bring the six most powerful Nations of Indians on this Continent (which have hitherto from time immemorial been firmly attach'd to the English Government) over into their Interest.

In this Situation of our Affairs we can have no Prospect of any thing but Misery & Desolation unless the several Governm^ts^ will joyn in the firmest League against the common Enemy, & carry on the War with Vigour & Resolution; & then we may hope for the Blessing of Divine Providence to render our Designs successful, I must therefore entreat your Honour to lay this Matter before your Assembly, & to do all in your Power to spirit them up to Resolutions becoming the Character of English Men

I am with great Regard Sir

Your Honour's most obedient

humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirley's Letter May 12^th^ 1746

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH^ HAMPTON May 12, 1746

*S^r^*

I suppose that the last Mischief I Informed you of was at Upper Asshuelot. this day Sev'night about

10 or 12 Indians attacked Several men at N° 4 within sixty rods of the fort, they killed one man, and attempted to Scalp him, but were prevented by our mens firing at them, the same day our people found a man killed about 4 or 5 Miles East of Winchester, Supposed to be killed 9 days before in his return from Boston. on Sabbath was Se'night two men were Shot upon at lower Asshuelot, it is Supposed by the signs that they are taken.

on fryday last Deac^{n} Sheldons House & fort at fall Town were attacked by about fourty Indians as was Supposed, only one man Slightly wounded one House Burnt and some Cattle killed.

on the same day two men wounded at fort Massachusetts at Hoosuck. on Saturday afternoon one man killed and two women wounded at Colrain, a Connect^{ct} Souldier (as I am Informed) carryed the Women safe to the fort.

we have probably about two Hundred of the Militia and Garrison Souldiers in quest of the Enemy, but unless they chance to meet with them they will Scarcely be able to drive them from our Borders. I hear that they are daily at Lower Asshuelot, appear in open view, Yell to one another in hearing of the forts, and lately they got on an Eminence and rolled down great Stones in sight of the fort. and indeed they make a derision of us.

I have as many Messengers with Evil tidings as Job had, though I have not so much Patience.

but when I consider that People are daily killed and taken, in many places the Inhabitants Shut in, and cannot do any business, the Militia often called abroad to Succour their neighbours to the ruin of their own business, and the number of Souldiers altogether Insufficient to protect the frontiers, none to

range the Woods, or to watch the Indians roads, or the Rivers they pass up, or to go into the Enemies Country and give them some diversion there I think I may without Offence to any say there Surely is a fault, but Shan't take upon me to Judge who must answer to God for the neglect.

I Suppose we have now above an Hundred men in Pay above the Line of Government and above an Hundred and fourty in this County (exclusive of Connect^{ct} men) beside what are Posted in the Counties of Middlesex and Worcester, up Merrimak River and in the Prov^{ne} of Main, which I suppose are between two and three times so many as we have in these parts of the Country

I am S^{r} Your very Humble Servant

JOHN STODDARD

Gov^{nr} WOLCOTT.

[Superscribed] To the Hon^{ble} ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^{r} Deputy Gov^{ur} of the Colony of Connect^{ct} Att Windsor

[Indorsed] Coll^{o} Stodard May 12 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO SIMON LOTHROP.

HARTFORD May 16th 1746

S^{r}

You may observe That the Orders of this Assembly were That our Souldiers should abide att Louisburg (i. e. 350 of them) till the first of June next unless his Maj^{ties} pleasure should be sooner known

These are therefore to direct and Order you forthwith to draw off all our forces w^{ch} are not enlisted under the Kings Establishment and shipp them on board such Vessells as shall be coming from thence

on the best Terms you can. We have hitherto given forty shillings ℔ man.

You are also to dispose of all our Stores of every kind for Bills of Exchange or otherwayes to the best Advantage and what you cant so dispose of You are to shipp and send home You are also to take an Account of the time of every mans Enlistment under the King's Establishment and of the time of the Decease of all our men that dyed there

further as to the Arms You are to take Care that they be sent home

I remain S^r^

Your very humble Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

17^th^ P S

Yours of y^e^ 16^th^ of April I have just rec^d^ hearing of y^e^ Approach of an Enemy to our NorWest frontiers we are raising 3 or 400 men to send forthwith to joyn them who are there already to protect them & pursue the Enemy the Dutch give back and men are killd and scalpd in Sight of Albany and none issue out against them J L

Coll^l^ LOTHROP

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll Lothrop

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

HARTFORD May 17^th^ 1746

Sir

I Rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 12^th^ instant which I immediately Laid before our Assembly thô before that on the Motion Made by Gov^r^ Clinton and a Like proposal Made by Leu^t^ Gov^r^ Phips which were Communicated to y^e^ assembly they had come into a Conclusion to appoint Commissioners and accordingly had Ap-

pointed them to Meet with Commissioners from the other Governments to Consult upon Measures for Carrying on the present war who will attend Such Convention for that purpose: our assembly seem much Engaged to Exert themselves in a vigorous Manner and to be very Desirous of a union of Council & force in this Common Cause against the Enemy I am therefore Desired to acquaint Governour Clinton and your Excellency of our Resolves and to move him & you to forward the Meeting of the Commissioners we shall wait for y^e^ appointment of time and place of Meeting which I suppose Gov^r^ Clinton will undertake to Determine, as your Excellency has manifested your Concern to promote this matter So it will be needless I conclude for me to press y^e^ Speedy Convention of y^e^ Commissioners our assembly have also Resolved to Joyn with your Governm^t^ & the Governm^t^ of New York in sending out Scouts into y^e^ Enemys Country and given a Generous Encouragement for y^t^ purpose and when wee are informed that those Provinces or Either of them Determine to Come into the like measures with us Shall vigorously put in Execution what is proposed on our Part so far as our ability will permit, this Day the Assembly have ordered three or four hundred of y^e^ militia to go to y^e^ Releife of our & your western frontiers and Repel the Enemy which by Late intelligence we hear are approaching Near those parts. I hope the Spirit & Resolution which appears in the Colony may be of some Service to Animate our Neighbours of other Governments more vigourously to exert themselves in the comon Cause, we have now in Service for the Defence of your frontier viz. about fifty men up the River and Sixty posted and ordered in your western frontiers besides what we are forced to Do for y^e^ Safety of our own

people who Seem to be Laid open by the Drawing in of y^e^ Deutch for near fourty miles. I am with Great Regard your Excellencys most

obedient Humble Servan^tt^

JON^TH^ LAW

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

HARTFORD May 20^th^ 1746.

*S^r^*

Immediately after the opening of our Assembly, I Communicated Your Excellencys Letter To me of y^e^ 31 of March Last relating to the appointing Commiss^rs^ to treat with Commiss^rs^ y^t^ were or might be appointed by y^e^ neighbouring Governm^ts^ touching our Mutual Security & Defence during y^e^ present War. And I can with pleasure Signify to you that it was Thereupon Unanimously, Resolved, That it was a matter of Great Importance that the Brittish Governm^ts^ on the Continent Should unite in Measures for the purposes afors^d^ & that y^e^ motion made for a Meeting of Commiss^rs^ at Some proper Time & place was to our Assembly most Agreable, & Thereupon they proceeded to Nominate & Appoint y^e^ persons Therefor. And now Since Y^or^ Excellency is the first mover in this affair it will doubtless be Expected You Should appoint Time & Place for Such a Convention & I would take y^e^ Liberty to urge That it may be Done without Delay, it will be Some considerable time before the affair can be possibly Entered upon by Commiss^rs^ whose dwellings are at Such a Distance. the Enemy Seem to be advancing into our borders and we have frequently acc^ts^ brot to us of mischeif done by them and Just now are Informed That a party of y^e^ Enemy in Your Goverm^t^ advanced in Sight of

Albany Fort & Killed divers persons & nothing done by the Souldiers to oppose or annoy them & its Said y^t^ Some of our Scouts have made a Discovery of a party of the Enemy on the East Side of Hudsons. River upon w^c^ our Assembly have raised 3 or 400 men & y^y^ are now on their march into y^e^ Wilderness to protect the terrified & Distressed people & to pursue & annoy y^e^ Enemy. but after all my mind is on the proposed convention in w^c^ I hope a foundation may be happily laid to deliver our people from y^e^ distresses & Dangers y^t^ are now Encreasing upon them. I have Just come to hand a Packet from Admiral Warren & S^r^ W^m^ Pepperell giving an acc^t^ of y^e^ arrival of the greater part of Brittish troops at Louisburge in which was Inclosed a Letter to your Excellency & Divers other Letters on his Majestys Service w^c^ I have again Inclosed & Dispatched by a Post.

I am with Great Regard Your Excellencys
very Humble Ser^t^

Gov^r^ CLINTON

[Indorsed by Law] to Gov^r^ Clinton May 20^th^ 1746

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 26^th^ May 1746.

Sir

I have received Your Favour of the 20^th^ Instant, acquainting me with the appointm^t^ of Com^rs^ in Your Government to treat with such Commissioners as are or may be appointed by other Governments upon this Continent for their mutual Security and Defence against the Enemy, w^ch^ I conceive is a Measure of the last Consequence in regard to the Common Cause, as the French and their Indians are so Enterprizing & barbarous upon our Frontiers; and I shou'd have been glad if You had sent me the Names of Your Commissioners,

that the Commissioners appointed by me might have entere'd upon a Correspondence by this Post, about the time and place of Convention with which I hope You'l acquaint me by return of the Post, that no time may be lost in bringing about a General Meeting. In the mean time I conceive some part of this Province, somewhat remote from this City may be thought a Place agreeable to all Partys, as it tends rather to the Center, especially as Merryland has absolutely refused & see but little hopes of Virginia or Philledelphia,

I am Sir

Your very humble servt

G CLINTON

The Honble JONN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons May 26 1746

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON May 29. 1746

Sr,

I send your Honour by Express a Packet directed to you, and delivered to me (with others to the rest of the Governours in North America) by Captn Townley Commander of his Majesty's Sloop the Hinchenbrook, sent hither for bringing his Majesty's Orders to the said Governours to raise a sufficient Number of Soldiers to assist in an Expedition his Majesty has set on foot for the Reduction of Canada; a full Account whereof I presume is contained in your Letter.

And as your Governmt has hitherto manifested a distinguish'd Zeal for promoting his Majesty's Service, & reducing the Power of his Enemies, in the Expedition against Cape Breton, And the general Advantage of Success in this Affair will be so great,

I presume your Assembly will engage in it with the utmost Alacrity, And I can have no Doubt but that your Honour will do every thing in your Power to excite such a Spirit in them on this Occasion as will highly recommend them to his Majesty's Favour. And I dare undertake for the Massachusetts that nothing will be wanting on their Part that is fit or possible to be done by them.

I am with great Respect Sir
Your Honour's most obedient
humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

It is my Opinion y^t^ to render the propos'd Attempt successfull, 10,000 Men ought to be rais'd within the Colonies in the whole; and y^t^ we should enter the Enemy s Country with 6,000 of those men at least by the way of Albany. I shall be glad to consult w^th^ your Excellency and Major General Woolcott upon this Affair, and to know your honour's, and his sentiments upon it as particularly as may be; For the Duke of Newcastle mentions in his letter to me y^t^ it will be left to General Saint Clair, M^r^ Warren and myself to alter and finally adjust the plan; and I am for that purpose orderd to Louisbourg as soon as I shall have compleated the Levies that can be rais'd within this Governm^t^, w^ch^ I shall propose to the Assembly to be ab^t^ 2000, if possible; but 1500 at least.

The hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 2^d^ 1746

Sir.

I have just Time to inform your Honour that the General Court of this Province have come in gener-

ously & chearfully to promote the Expedition; which you will perceive by the inclosed Proclamation: I hope your Assembly will do their Part as well

I think it proper to Acquaint your Honour that as the Duke of Newcastle has informed me that his Majesty will give Power to Lieut^t General S^t Clair, Admiral Warren & my self to alter any Part of the Scheme for Prosecuting this Expedition, if we judge it adviseable; I shall endeavour that the Connecticutt Forces & such of our own as may be raised in the Western Parts of the Province may join with the Army that goes by Land; If this be accep to you be pleased to let me know it.

I think the Mohegan Indians might be of considerable Use in this Expedition; and might be taken into the King's Pay.

We have a Rumour here that your Assembly have Voted to raise only six hundred men for the Expedition which much Surprizes me, considering what I have heard of the Inclination of your People to this Service, & how extreamly you are below your Quota, the Number of your Inhabitants being generally estimated at more than one half of our Number; & I must beg of you to urge your Assembly to make a proper Addition to it, if this Report be true; For the Rule of your Quota with respect to us is the Number of the Inhabitants of each Colony, as in this Case the chief part of the Charge will be at the Expence of the Crown.

I am Sir Your Honour's most
obedient humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

The Hon^ble JONATHAN LAWS Esq^r

[Indorsed] A Letter from Gov^r Shirley June 2^d 1746 and Copy of Letter to him June 11^th

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 2d 1746

Sir,

I have just Time to inform your Honour that the General Court of this Province have come in, generously & chearfully to promote the Expedition, which you will perceive by the inclosed Proclamation: I hope your Assembly will do their Part as well.

I think it proper to Acquaint your Honour that as the Duke of New Castle has informed me that His Majesty will give Power to Lieutenant General St Clair, Admiral Warren & my self to alter any Part of the Scheme for the prosecuting this Expedition, if we judge it adviseable; I shall endeavour that part of the Connecticutt Forces & such of Our own as may be raised in the Western Parts of the Province may Join with the Army that goes by Land; if this be acceptable to you, be pleased to let me know it.

I think the Mohegan Indians might be of considerable Use in this Expedition; and might be taken into the King's Pay as our Allies; as I think also the Indians of the six Nations may.

I am Sir Your Honour's most
obedient humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The Honble JONATHAN LAWS Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley 2d Letter June 2d 1746

HALLE, WARD AND BEADEL TO JONATHAN LAW.

WALLINGFORD June ye 2d 1746

May it Plese your honner being apprised of an Expidition against Canadai We Humbly moufe To your

honner and [ ]ity att Milford if it may Plese your h[ ] that we be Imployed In his Majesties Sarvices for the Raiseing of men for the s^{d} Expedition

we wait your honnors Plesure and are your honors, most humbel Sarvents

ELIHU HALLE
MACOK WARD
NATHANIEL BEADEL

To The Hon^{bl} Jon^{a} Law Esq^{r} & Com^{tt} of Warr at Milford

[Superscribed] For The Hon^{ble} Jonathan Law Esq^{r} Govern^{r} of Connecticut Milford

[Indorsed] Cap^{t} Hall Ward Beedles June 2^{d} 1746

JONATHAN TRUMBULL TO JONATHAN LAW.

Lebanon June 4th 1746.

S^{r}

When I lasted Left your Honour, There was mention made of The Nomination of a person to be Comissary in The Expedition To Canada, & I ventured To Nominate The Bearer hereof M^{r} Ichabod Robinson, as a person of Probity & faithfulness, a good accountent, and likely To do well In The Capacity of a Comissary; and I think [ ] was well Approved off, but only The difficulty of his being nominated To be a Second Leiu^{t}; which he not being present, I knew not whether he would forego, for y^{e} Sake of being Comissary; but upon Conversing with him, find he Chooses it; These Therefore wait on You by him To Recomend him as qualified for That

Trust, and If none other be yet Appointed that he may have it, and Thereby,

Oblidge S^r^

Your very

Humble & Obedient Servant

JON^TH^ TRUMBLE

To The Hono^ble^ J[ ]^TH^ Law Esq^r^

Lebanon June 4^th^ 1746

*S^r^*

The Person within Named To be Appointed Com̄. issary, is Justly recomended as qualified for That Trust, In The Opinion of S^r^ Your Obedient

Hum^l^ Servant.

JOSEPH FOWLER

For The Hon^ble^ Jon^TH^ Law Esq^r^

[Superscribed] For The Hon^ble^ Jon^TH^ Law Esq^r^ Governour of Connecticut At Milford These p̄ M^r^ Ich^a^ Robinson

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Trumble and Fowler

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Milford June 4. 1746

*Excell^t^ S^r^*

The Duke of N Castle^s^ Order, I rec^d^ att Hartford & yours, on Thursday morning, our Assembly Agreed to raise 600 Voluntiers & as many more as should Offer themselves, appointed M^r^ Williams Coll. & other Field Officers & three other Capt^ns^ &c. I have just now had 3. or 4 Offered themselves, not appointed by the Assembly to raise men, I shall forthwith send for proclamations for them to go forth with, & y^e^ Com^tt^ with me to do all things not specially provided

for by the Assembly will do what is further needfull for their beating Orders. I would only signify to you that if you would procure Com^ns^ for field Officers it might much Animate our people, Maj^r^ General Wolcott & Co^l^ Trumble are appointed to wait on you in great Haste I subscribe Y^r^ Excell^s^ most hum^e^

Obed^t^ Serv^t^,

JON^N^ LAW

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Sherley & Secr Wyllys June 4^th^ 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD June 4, 1746.

*S^r^* this comes by an Express for all those Acts of Assembly in the last Sessions which are to direct me in the Affair of the present Expedition. & also for 3 or 4 more Proclamations for the Improvement of such Gentlemen as do now Offer themselves to raise men from y^r^ Hum Serv^t^

JON^TH^ LAW

P. S. I desire your care about sending the Pacquetts to Boston in order to be Transmitted to England & handing the beating Orders to the Officers & the Proclamations & appointment of the Officers this way, let the bearer hereof bring them to me.

J LAW

Sec^r^ WYLLYS.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 8^th^ 1746.

Sir

The inclos'd of the 2^d^ Instant should have been sent by last Post — since when I receiv'd your honour's

of the 4th Instant, and shall do what I can towards procuring Commissions for field Officers.

I wish you success in the raising of Voluntiers within your Governmt, wch I perceive has not limited any number: and I hope as your Inhabitants amount to more yn half the number of this province's, if not to two thirds of the number, yt Men will appear in proportion to enlist at this Critical Juncture for the extraordinary service of their King and Country.

I shall be very glad to see Major General Woolcott and Col Trumball upon this occasion; and to hold a correspondence with your Honour and your Governmt upon this Expedition in every material part that may occur to you or myself for the success of it and am with respect.

Sir, your Honour's most
Obedient Humble servt.
W SHIRLEY.

The Assembly of New Hampshire have voted Encourajemt for raising 1000 men.

His honour Govr Law.

NATHANIEL EELLS TO JONATHAN LAW.

May it please your Honour,

To me 'tis an uncommon business I now Undertake, Tho' doubtless Your Honr has been troubled with many Addresses of like Nature; yet I perswade myself that it will be no otherwise than gratefull to you, that you have it in your Power to befriend One, whose family you highly respect. Sir, The Matter is this, My good Friend and Neighbour Capt John Whiting Esqr has a disposition and desire to serve his King and Country in ye intended Expedition against Canada, provided he can do it in a Capacity somewhat equal to ye Character and Dignity he has

sustained among us. These are therefore to Entreat your favour for him and readiness to promote him to a Captain's Commission in the Army, if there is a Vacancy, or should be an Augmentation of our forces. Sir, you know y^e^ Commissions he has already sustained in this Colony; In y^e^ Execution of which he has behaved worthily, with Honor and fidelity; and in all things has steadily maintained the Honour of your Person and Administrations when others around him have been shifting. It mayn't be amiss to intimate, that y^e^ favour I crave for him, would be Especially obliging to him att this Season, when by repeated Losses att Sea, and abounding Generosity to his friends his outward Substance is much diminished. If Reports have reached your Hon^r^ that M^r^ Whiting is inclined to y^e^ Established Church: This I can say, that Temptations have lain that way, but he seems to have overcome them; He has all along behaved like a fast friend to our Ecclesiasticall Constitution, and has of late been Exemplary in preserving y^e^ Peace of the Churches and Order of y^e^ Gospel; And doubt not, he may be so in time to Come: But Sir, I will not trouble you further, Your Wisdom and Benevolence will outdo all my Arguments, only pardon my Freedom and boldness, And Accept y^e^ highest Respects from

Your Honour's

much obliged and hum^bl^ Ser^t^

NATHAN^L^ EELLS

STONINGTON June 9. 1746.

For his Hon^r^ Governor LAW.

[Superscribed] For The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ Governor in Connecticut Att Milford.

[Indorsed] Rev^d^ Nath^ll^ Ells Recomendation of Cap^t^ Jn^o^ Whiting June 9, 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

MILFORD June 10th: 1746.

S^r^

I herewith Transmit to you a Copy of an Act of our Assembly in the last month which happend to be omitted when I wrote last att Hartford, at which time having rec^d^ the D: of New Castles order for an Expedition against Canada our Assembly Imediately came into a Conclusion to raise 600 men and more if they can be obtain'd which we are now by officers appointed Enlisting and the people Seem to be in high Spirits. N England Borders and N York are continnually harrass^d^ by our barbarous Enemies, which makes our burthen encrease to a great Degree the Consideration whereof you will add in craving his Maj^ties^ favour for a Reimbursement

ELIAKIM PALMER Esq^r^

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Agent Palmer June 10th 1746.

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD June 11. 1746

S^r^

Sunday last about 5 o Clock P. M. by an Express I recei^d^ your's of the 2^d^ Instant, I had order'd my Com^tt^ of War to attend me the next day (our Assembly having been adjourn'd the Saturday before the Date of yours) with whom I had the Opportunity to advise,

The Act of our Assembly being positive that our Troops should Embark at N London for Louisbourg & from thence proceed to the Place of Action, & nothing being left to me but what was not specially

provided for by the Assembly, it was tho't what you propos'd could not be comply'd with, without the Advice of the Assembly w^c would occasion too great a Delay to the proceeding, the Embarkation was hop^d to be by the End of this Month, so that we go on making the Levies & preparations for the Embarkation. And wee have appoint^d 2 more Capt^ns for raising 2 more Comp^as, not concluding to add no more, if things sh^d appear with an Encouraging Aspect on the present Attempts. I have rec^d a Line from Gov^r Clinton ab^t the meeting of Comniss^rs wherein he say's Maryland has refus'd & has little hopes of Virginia & Philadelphia w^c makes me conjecture the reason of your Alteration of your Sentiments about the Plan to be a Doubt a^bt the proceeding of the Southern forces by Land. with respect to the Commissions to be sent us I Trust y^r Excellency will take notice of my last to You. I am sorry the D Gov^r & M^r Trumble delay^d their coming to you. I wait with Impatience to hear from them the result of your Conference & subscribe

Y^r Excell^s most hum^l & Ob^t Serv^t

JON^A LAW

Gov^r SHIRLEY Copy

JOHN LEDYARD TO JONATHAN LAW. (?)

GROTON 13 June 1746.

Hon^le S^r

I have a private Letter from a Merchant in Boston wherein I am advised that the Assembly there have Voted £100.000 old Tenor to be made to pay the Bounty and purchase Blankets for 3000 Men they leave it to the Governour to find y^e Provisions and Transports and Draw Bills on y^e Governm^t at home for the Cost this Resolution of the House was taken

on a Petition of the Merchants & others wherein they Desired no more money might be made and they would lend the money & take the Governours Bills on y^e^ Governm^t^ at home for the pay and should the Bills be protested the Massachusetts Governm^t^ to repay the Merchants in one Year without Interest. Before y^e^ abovementiond Petition the House of Representatives had passed a Supply Bill for £500 000 old Tenor. (My Friend adds) what the Governour will do on this Affair is not yet declared but undoubtedly he will draw the Bills Directly rather than let the Affair drop. A Commissary Generall is expected dayly in Boston who is there to Supply Provisions and Necessaries for the 6000 Men coming from England which must make Provisions Exceeding dear.

This last Paragraph Your Honour will please not to make more publick than may be needfull for the Colony's Interest as I am buying Provisions abroad for the New Hampshire Forces

Perhaps your Honour is already informed of these things but lest they should Neglect to write from Boston I thought it my Duty to do it.

I cannot but think it a little odd y^t^ Governour Shirly should mention his recommending to y^e^ Massachusets to send 2000 or 1500 Men and the Matter should open at 3000 I confess I heartily Wish this Colony had Sent a Number equal to New Hampshire and especially as I find they conclude in Boston that the King will pay for Provisions and Transports

I beg leave to Subscribe my Self

May it Please y^r^ Honour

Y^r^ Honours

Most Dutifull & Obedient

Hum^le^ Servant

JOHN LEDYARD

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 13. 1746.

Sir,

As from the Discourse, I have had with Lieuten^{t} Gov^{r} Woolcott, Col Trumbull, & Col. Williams it seems necessary y^{t} your Honour should speak with the Assembly upon the Articles of Bounty money, and Number of Men to be rais'd, I take the liberty to recommend as much Dispatch as may be in it. I could wish y^{t} the four Colonies of New England at least had agreed upon the sum to be given for Bounty, in w^{ch} case many Inconveniencies would have been avoided.

I hope we shall strike home, now we are aiming this Important Blow ag^{t} the Enemy, and y^{t} it will be a Decisive stroke for the peace & prosperity of the British Northern Colonies for the future, w^{ch} will depend upon having proper Numbers to answer the Service of the Expedition, without which all our Expence and many of our people will be thrown away, and we be in a worse Condition y^{n} before we engag'd in this Enterprize, w^{ch} God forbid.

I must referr your Honour to M^{r} Woolcott for what has been settled between us in consequence of your Commission to him and Colonel Trumbull and wishing success to the Expedition.

I am with respect Sir,
Your Honours most Obedient
Humble servant
W SHIRLEY.

Hon^{ble} Gov^{r} LAW.

ELIHU HALLE TO JONATHAN LAW.

WALL^{D} June 16 2 Clock P M 1746.

Hon^{o} S^{r}

Last Saturday about Sunsett Cap^{t} Beedles departed his Military Life, upon Resignation of which I Listed 6 (?) Men & now are in pursuit of said Design, Cap^{t} Ward came up This Morning very Desirous to prosecute said Scheme, & have Adventured to Assure the People one of us will proceed, in s^{d} Expedition The Occasion of such Delays y^{r} Hon^{r} can't but know where it centers, M^{r} Munson proposes to Attempt to raise 30 Men & we have Assured him to recommend him to y^{r} Hon^{rs} for a Com^{n} if he succeeds. I shall only Suggest what is in the Mouth of the People that if 2000 were to be raised it would be more Encouraging & the Bounty to be Advanced with Neighbouring Govern^{ts}

Y^{r} Hon^{rs} Most Dutif^{l}
Hum^{l} Serv^{t}
E HALLE

Gov LAW

[Superscribed] For The Hon^{le} JON^{A} LAW Esq^{r} Milford

[Indorsed] Cap^{t} E. Hall June 16

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 16th June 1746.

Sir

Persuant to His Majesty's Orders to me signify'd by His Grace of Newcastle; I intend to be at Albany the 20th of next Month, in order to make use of proper Measures to engage the Six Nations of Indians to take part in the present Expedition ag^{t} Canada; and I hope it will be tho^{t} but reasonable,

that Your Governm^{t} should bear a proportion of the Expence attending their Engaging with us in this Important Service

I am Sir

Your very humb^{le} Servant

G CLINTON

The Hon^{ble} Jo^{N} Law Esq

[Indorsed] Gov^{r} Clintons June 16 1746

ANDREW BURR TO JONATHAN LAW.

Fairfield June 16th 1746.

Honrd S^{r}

M^{r} King y^{e} Bearer hereof hath been Recommended to me as a suitable person to be a Lieu^{t} in y^{e} Expedition by Col^{o} Hoit. I take him to be as Likely as any amongst us to Raise a Company being well Respected at Stanford where he dwells I would therefore Recommend him to y^{r} Hon^{r} & Council of war for s^{d} Post and am with Great Respect y^{r} Hon^{rs} obedient

Hum^{bl} serv^{t}

AND^{W} BURR

P. S. M^{r} Silliman not being at home when the Gent^{lm} Came I Could not Get him to Sign

Gover^{r} Law

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Burr June 16 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Milford June 16th 1746.

S^{r}

I have this Moment rec^{d} Advice from Gov^{r} Clinton that on y^{e} 20th of the next month he will

proceed to Albany to engage the six Nations in y^e^ Expedition and I am now sending for our Assembly to meet me att Newhaven on the next Thursday. I shall propose to them all that I have rec^d^ from you, know not how they will relish going by land, but as I am informd from time to time that your and Rhoad island's out-bidding us with your Premiums is an exception with our people by w^ch^ y^e^ enlisting goes on very dully. Our Assembly could not foresee what other Gov^ts^ would give, we only doubled what we gave in the last Expedition Rhoad island has gaind 90 of our men and are getting more as I am informd

I Subscribe Your Excellencies
very humble and obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley June 16^th^ 1746

ROGER WOLCOTT AND JONATHAN TRUMBULL TO JONATHAN LAW.*

WOODSTOCK June 17^th^ 1746

*S^r^*

In Pursuance of our Instructions from the General Assembly, we repaired to Boston, and conferred with his Excellency Gov^r^ Sherley on the Subject of the Expedition To Canada, and concluded with him that our Throops go there by the 13^th^ of July next,

* The General Assembly in May 1746 appointed Wolcott and Trumble "speedily to go to Boston and consult and advise with his Excellency Governor Shirley about the needful preparations for the comfortable subsistence of the forces to be raised in this Colony for the expedition to Canada, and their being convoyed to the place of rendezvous, and all other things needful for promoting said expedition, and report upon their return to his Honour, the Governor."—*Colonial Records, IX, 214.*

and To Take convoy with Those from that Province and New Hampshire, and Gov^r^ Shirley will endeavour to have Two men of War with the other Armed Vessels for that End: and we further find That The Province of the Massachusett: Bay have agreed to raise Three Thousand Men, & Encourage them with a premium of £30 To Each Man; besides cloathing, Arms, & a Blankett; and one bed To Every two men; and The Province of New Hampshire have agreed To raise one thousand men On the like Encouragement, and Gov^r^ Wentworth writes That near one half of That number are already Enlisted, and the other part like to be soon Enlisted There; all which will certainly soon be known, and may render our men very discontented who are enlisted, & discourage & much hinder further Enlistings among us, and may prove very preejudicial To The Design, and we may thereby meet with blame both among ourselves, and at The Court of Great Britain if the Design should happen To Fail by any Such means; We Therefore recomẽnd it To Your Honour's Consideration as our Opinion, That it is for The Honour and Interest of our Colony That we Endeavour To raise a Larger Number of men than The 600 proposed, & That in order to it The Encouragements be made Equal To what is given in those Two Provinces, which is indeed less Than what is offered in the Colony of Rhode Island, and Therefore Think it needfull That the General Assembly be forth with called Together to Deliberate, and come into such Conclusions upon it, as shall be by Them Judged best. And If Your Honour should Think it expedient To call for The Assembly To meet, This Express Messenger may return Thro' Durham, & bring the orders for the calling The General Assembly, & leave at Col^o^ Wadsworth's

such Sumons for The Gentle^{n} of the Council, & Representatives as he can most conveniently get Served, and as he comes Thro' Haddam, East Haddam, & Colchester he may Sumon The Gentle^{n} in Each of Them Towns, and Then at Lebanon he may Leave with Col^{o} Trumble The Sumons for The rest of The Towns near him & on The Eastward. And Since more Officers may be Appointed, The Treasury Hartford, from whence by the Representatives or Themselves, they may receive the Enlisting money &c, So we Submit it to Your Honour, whether it would not be expedient that the Sessions of the Assembly be there to Redeem Time.

You'l See Gov^{r} Shirley's Sentiments by a Letter which comes herewith.

We are with very great Esteem
S^{r} Your Humble
and Obedient Servants
ROGER WOLCOTT
JONTH TRUMBLE

The Honorable JONTH LAW Esq^{r}

[Superscribed] On His Majesty's Service To The Hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r} Governour of the Colony of Connecticut At Milford

[Indorsed] Gov^{r} Wolcott & Trumble

HEZEKIAH HUNTINGTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWICH June 17th 1746

Honour^{d} S^{r}

I had the Sight of your Honours Letter to M^{r} Throop Shewing the apointment of him a Chaplin (yesterday) he was not able to determin in the Case:

So am not able by this Baror: to Lay any accounts of Necessarys for him before you^r^ Honours: Shall Git his answer and advise in y^t^ Case as Soon as possable.

I beg your Honou^r^ and Councels advice and Direction in my Duty of Commissary whether I must provide Cloathing for Such Souldiers as provide not for themselves: not having the act of assembly by me am unsertain: whether the Commisarys are Perticularly Directed to make that provision altho it be yet unsertain what nomber their will be to be provided for by the Government: yet being advised by Som of y^e^ Enlisting officers y^t^ there will be many that will want: I have been Laying in for Sundry articels.

Therfore pray your Honou^rs^ Direction in that matter. and take Leave to Subscribe you^r^

Honours Obedient Humble Serv^tt^

HEZ: HUNTINGTON

To the Hon^ble^ JONATH LAW Esq^r^ and Counsel of warr.

[Superscribed] To the Hon^bl^ JONATH^A^ LAW Esq^r^ And Counsell of Warr Att Milford p^r^ m^r^ Carpenter

ROBERT DENISON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWICH June 17^th^ 1746.

*Honou^rd^ S^r^*

Having Rec^d^ your favour p^r^ Lieu^t^ Lathrop (viz) appointing me to be Cap^t^ of a Company in the Intended Expedition against his Majesties Enimys at Canada: with the Proclamation Beating ord^rs^ &c: and Whereas it hath Been Hinted to me by that Baror: that it would Likely be well Accepted by your Honour: if I should Nomminate to your Hono^r^ my

under officers. I take Leave to Recomend: m^r^ Joseph Carpendor of Norwich the Baror to be first Lieu^t^ m^r^ John Bradford of New London Second Lieu^t^ & m^r^ Jonathan Copp Ju^r^ of Stonington to be Ensign all persons I Judg Qualified for such offices very acceptable to me and I hope will be so to your Honou^r^ all Which is Humbly Submitted to your Honour: By your Honou^rs^

obedient Humbel Serv^tt^

ROBERT DENISON Cap^T^

To the Hono^rbl^ Jonathan Law Esq^r^.

[Indorsed] Cap^t^ Denison June

BENJAMIN THROOPE TO JONATHAN LAW.

Norwich June 18 1746

To his Hon^r^ y^e^ Governor

Sir I Rec^d^ the Intimation of your pleasure together with y^e^ Hon^l^ Com^tee^ of war, That I Should go Chaplain in y^e^ present Expedition; w^h^ I acknowledge as an unmerited favor. After Some Surprize att w^t^ was so unexpected; & in its Nature so Solemn I instantly Engaged in y^e^ most Serious Consideration with Deligent Endeavour to Know w^t^ Ans^r^ to make so y^t^ I might Not withstand y^e^ Call of Divine providence, Nor Deny Obediance, tho' Difficulties & Dangers unavoidably attended it. After this I Desired to know y^e^ minds of y^e^ people of my Charge. Laying before 'em w^t^ I had Rec^d^ from you, which when they understood & Considered of, they Showed y^e^ utmost Reluctancy & Could Not be prevailed upon to Concent to my going: & w^t^ Seemed to Governed them in this Matter was their prevailing fears of their being

broake to pieces, & Drawn into Snares, in this Day of So Grate treadings Down. So y^t^ upon y^e^ whole I Cannot See it Duty to Comply with y^r^ offer, So much ags^t^ y^e^ minds of my people: & must pray y^r^ Hon^r^ y^t^ I may be Excused.

With all possable Expressions of Duty & Gratitude I am y^r^ Hon^rs^ Most Obe^dt^ & Hum^le^ Serv^t^

BENJ^A^ THROOPE

[Superscribed] To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ Governor of y^e^ Colony of Connecticut

[Indorsed] M^r^ Troop of Norwich

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD June 24^th^ 1746

*S^r^*

I call'd an Assembly on Thursday last at which it was Concluded to send a thousand men on the Expedition, for an Encouragement to enlist a Premium of thirty pounds was granted in old Tenour Bills and forty pounds for Cloathing and in Case the Levies are not filld up by the next Monday, I shall send forth Orders for Impressing what shall be wanting. I trust your Excellency will give the quickest Dispatch to the Comissions, when they come to your hand that I may fill them up to our Officers.

What Measures are taken to the Westward I dont learn only That Gov^r^ Clinton designs to be att Albany on the 20^th^ of next month to hire the six Nations and desireth us to bear our proportion of the Expence of it. By Gov^r^ Wolcott I am informd Your Excellency instead of insisting on our mens

going by land You think it best That some from y^e^ Westward go by Water

I fear an Indisposition to y^e^ Westward

I remain your Excellencies
most humble and dutifull Servant
J LAW

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley & Clinton
June 25 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD June 25^th^ 1746
10 o'Clock A: M:

*S^r^*

Just as I had Seal'd my Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley (the Riding Post waiting and Ready to Mount) I Rec^d^ the Paquet to Gov^r^ Shirley and Warren and immediately Sent them forward by him (Hurd by name) a Copy of my Letter for brevity Sake I herewith inclose. I proposed to our Assembly your Motion for their Undertaking to bear a Part of the Expences in hiring the Six Nations, The Gentlemen S^d^ they were in Your Gov^t^ and Since we were to go by Water they Could not think it Reasonable.

I Should be glad to know Something of Your Conclusions and proceedings and of the more Southern Gov^ts^ if Your Excellency would at any time favour me with it.

Whilest I was att Hartford on a misrepresentation from our Norwestern Parts of the Approach of an Enemy and the Depredations made on Your Northern Parts & the Massachusetts 400 men were Raised and on their March in Less than 24 hours the Enemy I hear are Still Sculking in Those Parts, Done Some

mischief in yours, and have Rec[d] Some Shotts from Yours

I Subscribe your Excellencys
Humblee Servant
J. LAW

To his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON:

WILLIAM GREENE TO JONATHAN LAW.

S[r]

I am directed by our General Assembly now sitting, to make an Enquiry of Your Honour, When You expect the Forces You are now raising for the Expedition against Canada will embark, And whether any Convoy will be provided by your Government to guard Them to Louisbourg, an Answer hereto will be gratefully acknowledged by S[rs]

Your most obedient humble Serv[t]
W. GREENE

NEWPORT 27[th] June 1746.

[Indorsed by Law] Gov[r] Greens June 27 1746 to w[ch] Answer sent July 9[th] 1746

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

Governour Shirley read me your letter to him yesterday, and give me leave Sir to Assure you y[t] it gave me great pleasure to find with what a true English Spirrit y[ee] People of your Goverm[t] have Exerted themselves upon so Glorious an Occasion as is now given them by their mother Country to Extir-

pate their Enemys and lay a lasting foundation for the Peace, Wealth, and happiness, of all his Majestys American Dominions. I came from Lewisburg, to Concert Measures with governour Shirly. And am sorry to find the Levies in several of the Colonies go on but Slowly when y^e^ proper season for Action is Advancing very fast I have some thoughts if my time will Permit to Visit some of the Western Goverments, and among them yours, which May ever be assured of My regard, the Goverment have given Me directions to build four ships of Warr two of 44 & two of 24 Guns in the Colonys I propose if it can bee done to Build one with you. I had his Majestys leave upon My Aplication, to resign the Goverment of Lewisburg for the recovery of My health, which is very Much Impaird by a scorbutick disorder, and am perswaded My being Appointed to a share in the Intended Expedition, so suddenly resolved upon is owing to y^e^ Oppinion the Ministry have of My Attachment to thee Colonys which I assure you is such y^t^ I would be Carryed on board sooner then not show my Zeal for their service. I wish More time had been given to prepare for an Enterprize of such Importance I hopee Coll^o^ Lathrop is got safe homee My business Hither woud not allow of My staying to keep him Company as Far as I proposed, You will very much Oblige me in giveing me all the Information you can procure about Canada, and if any Pylotes for the River can be had in your parts,

it shoud prove too Late to Attempt Canada may we not bend our Force this fall to Crown Point from whence all our Frontiers are Anoy'd and which will ma a good Rendezvous next spring for the Troops intended to attack Mount Real I shall be proud to

receive your Commands being with great truth and regard

S^r your Most humblee and
Obed^t serv^t
P WARREN

BOSTON y^e 29^th June 1746

pray Excuse this Inaccurate scrawl in a Hurry

Hon^ble Governour LAW Conecticut

[Indorsed] Admiral Warrens June 27 1746

ELIHU HALLE TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hon^ble S^r

Cap^t Russell has done me the honour to wait on me this Day, to the End I might Advise Your Hon^r of the Resignation of his Son, appoint^d 2^d Lieu^t to my Company, & as he refuses the Invitation, I recommend M^r Elihu Lyman to your Hon^r & Com^tts Approbation to be Appointed in the afores^d Resign^d Lieut^s Place

Which I humbly Submitt
to your Superiour Sentiments
& take Pleasure to Assure
Y^r Hon^r I am with great
Chearfulness Y^r Obed^t Humb Serv^t
ELIHU HALLE

From the Tent near the Place of Parade in WALLINGFORD June 30. 5 Clock P M 1746

Gov LAW

[Superscribed] For The Hon^e JONATHAN LAW Esq^r
Gov^r of Connecticutt Milford

[Indorsed] Cap^t Elihue Hall

SAMUEL TALCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD, July y^e 1^st 1746

May it pleas your Hon^r

I beg leave to Inform your Hon^r That I have in my Company for y^e Expedition against Canada with what y^e under officers have inlisted Eighty Three men but have Expectations of further aditions by inlistment of voluntears but least That might fail Thot it my Duty to Inform your Hon^r and Should be glad your Hon^r would grant y^r Warrant as y^r Hon^r Shall Think proper for y^e Compleating y^e Levys for my Company I have here 27 men and woud beg Leav to Inform y^r Hon^r y^t all my officers are in N: Haven County & If y^r Hon^r Shoud Think proper to order Seven to be raised here in this County & nine In N: Haven County They might be Taken where There hath been no inlistment but Shall gladly attend y^r Honours Directions & have ordered Lieu^t Lyman to Wait on y^r Hon^r & receive y^r Hon^rs Instructions & am y^r Hon^rs most obedient Hum^l Serv^t

SAM^L TALCOTT

[Superscribed] To The Hon^ble JON^A LAW Esq^r Govenour of Connecticutt These

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

July 1^t 1746.

H^d S^r

I have In obediance to y^r honours Command with my utmost Endeavours Proceeded to Inlist Volenterars for y^e Presant Expedition since I was able to go abroad but my Confinement y^e first week after y^e Rising of y^e General Essembly Layed Me under Very Grate Disadvantage having no under officer to help me: During my Confinement for which Reason I am Behind y^e other Company Which was supposed to be Raised in this Count[ ] I now want thirteen

Men of my Number [ ] is some men Inlisted out of Most of our Comp[ ] This way only y^e^ Town of Winsor which [ ] six Compannies in it five of which Compan[ ] there is but two Inlisted out of them y^e^ other Company has four Inlisted I I would Pray your Honour to send orders for Impressing y^e^ other 13 which are now wanting to fill up my Compa[ ] by D^r^ Morison

from y^rs^ Honours obediant serv^t^

JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To His Honour^bl^ JON^A^ LAW Esq^r^ Gov^r^ of his Maiesties Colony of Connecticut

HALLE AND SANFORD TO JONATHAN LAW.

*Hon^o^ S^r^*

Whereas M^r^ John Russell hath by his Father Cap^t^ John Russell in answer To an Express Dated June 28^th^ 1746 advised us of his Resignation of the Office of Lieu^t^ and having had no Assistance in raising Volunteers from any of our Officers. we shall Industriously apply our Selves to fill up our Levie, & we humbly propose to your Hon^r^ & Com^tt^ that we may be heard with regard To a Person to sustain S^d^ Office wherein we shall have an Eye to Gratifie our Souldiers so far as may Subserve The Interest of the Coñon Cause

We are with the greatest Readiness

Y^r^ Faithfull Serv^ts^ to Comand

ELIHU HALLE

SAM^LL^ SANFORD Y^E^ 3^D^

July. 2. 1746.

Gov^r^ LAW

[Superscribed] For The Hon^e^ JONATHAN LAW Esq Gov^r^ of Connecticutt Milford

[Indorsed by Law] Hall

NORMAND MORISON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New Haven July 3d 1746

Honoured Sir

Thus far am proceeded intending to have waited on your Honour, but my rideing aggravates my difficulty So much that I can't proceed any farther, must therefore referr to writeing, as the time allow'd will not admitt of delays. Your Honour is Sensible that ye lives of ye men will (in a great measure) depend upon their Phisicians & Surgeons, which makes it necessary yt they shou'd be skillfull, judicious, industrious & faithfull ones, have taken a great deal of pains to find out Such & at last concluded (with your honour's approbation) to pitch upon the bearer; John Hart who is now on board ye Country Sloop, & as to a third I know not where I can light off one to answer: Am inform'd of one Allen of Fairfield, who, if Colo Burr or any of the Honble Councill yt know him, can recommend as a Sober dilligent man knowing his bussiness & will not abscond from it, will answer the end, for ye practise of phisick and Surgery there is quite different from what it is here, So yt dilligence, a good report of the Sick, & duely executing prescriptions to them is a thing most materiall among Mates.

Your Honour is very Sensible what care & charge Such a number may require, therefore I look upon it worthy your honour's consideration to allow me more help, if Such be granted (as I believe ye affair requires it) wou'd look upon Mr Jonathan Marsh who lives with Doctr Porter of Weathersfd & has had considerable practise, to be a Suitable one for bone-Setting, & help to dress wounds, I recommend this ye more knowing my constitution is impaired by ye

last expedition, & your honour may remember I then had no warrant which was considerable damage, & without which I cou'd not oblige my Mates to do their duty So well as y^e^ Exigency of y^e^ case required, for it's well known they all left me & that my consent was not requir'd, but Col^o^ Burr was So good as verbally to appoint one Tozer for me, prov'd a faithfull & dilligent mate while he lived; therefore hope your Honour will Supply me w^t^ my warrant in last Expedition, & likewise in this with a power of Substitution of mates if need be: The Kings pay to them is So Small y^t^ I am affraid they will not accept without your honour & hon^ble^ Councill will Stipulate with them, which with Submission I look upon to be necessary.

By a letter from Esq^r^ miller of New London to Esq^r^ Stanly of Hartford I understand y^t^ my chest from Louisbourg is return'd there & that there's Some medicines left (which I look upon as my right y^t^ expedition being over) wou'd be cheaper considerably to refitt them, together w^t^ an Addition proportionable to the number of men, than to purchase a whole chest afresh, I can Supply Some considerable out of my own Shop, which can Sell the Colony as cheap & as good as any other person can afford, even Some y^t^ I Scrupple can be got no where else which are absolutely necessary, for in Short druggs are So Scarce in Boston y^t^ one can't find a common Sortement, the reason of my haveing druggs upon hand, is my undertaking in the last Expedition for my brother being then just return'd from London with a parcell, had not time to use them.

It wou'd be a pleasure to me to wait upon Honour & Councill but as I can't—I remain

Your Honour's

most humᵇˡᵉ & Obedᵗ Servant

NORMᴰ MORISON

To the Honᵇˡᵉ JONATHAN LAW Esqʳ Governʳ &c

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqʳ Governour of Connecticutt

[Indorsed] Dʳ Morison

WILLIAM WHITING TO JONATHAN LAW.

LEBANON July 3ᵈ 1746.

Sir

Agreable to order of Assembly I have diligently pursued the enlisting of men for the Expedition to Canada, and have obtained between 40 & 50, according to the Account you'l receive from my Lieuᵗ Fitch, who I have Sent to Inform of our Doings, & To Take further orders, and hope you'l excuse my not coming myself; and The Ensign Sharp nominated by the Assembly for my Company hath refused to undertake the Service, whereupon sundry have been with me upon it, the Principal of whom are Ensign John Huntington, who went with me in that office To Cape: Breton, and altho' he refused to go in that Capacity under Capᵗ Lee, yet is desirous to go with me, and Desires me to recom̄end him to you, and 'tis certain he did good Service there; and will be agreable to me; There is also Docᵗ Fitch who came lately from Cape: Breton is desirous to have that Com̄ission; and There is one Mʳ Seth Paine of Pomfret who is desirous of it, and The people at Pomfret are apt to think it their right To have an

officer from thence; Mr Theophilus Fitch hath also made the same request, he Lives at Stoningtown; whomsoever Shall be appointed I depend will be agreable to me;

I am, with very much Esteem
Your Honour's
Most Obedient Humble Servant.
WILLIAM WHITING

The Honourable Jonth Law Esqr

[Superscribed] For The Honourable Jonathan Law Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt Att Milford These ℔ Lieut Fitch.

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston July 4th 1746

Sir,

Last Week Mr Warren came here in the Chester from Louisbourg, in order to setle with Mr Shirley (and General St Clair's Approbation when he shall arrive) the Plan of Operations for the Expedition against Conada, in the most speedy manner, which the advanc'd Season of the Year requires to be done without the least Loss of time, as it also does that all the Governments concern'd in it should push on the compleating of the Levies, & making the necessary Preparations & Dispositions for it within their respective Colonies with the utmost dispatch, & in doing wch we think they should act with the utmost Vigour, not regarding what they may esteem to be barely their just Quota & Proportion of Men & Money in this Expedition, but the Importance of the Enterprize towards either laying a most sure Foundation

for the general Welfare & Prosperity of all these Colonies, or leaving 'em in so precarious a Situation, as may sometime or other expose 'em to be reduc'd under the Power & Subjection of the French; upon which Account they should consider themselves as one Body united in the common Cause, in which if any one particular Colony should exert it self beyond either its just Proportion or Abilities, it may (we doubt not) be depended upon that the Exceedings of such Colony will be made up to it either by an Average to be afterwards setled among all the Colonies concern'd, or by a Reimbursment from his Majesty or the Parliament of Great Britain. And it ought to be in a particular manner consider'd, that this will in all Probability be the only favourable Opportunity of attempting the driving of the French off from the Northern Part of this Continent, which if now neglected may never be redeem'd, but follow'd close by an endless Train of Disadvantages & Difficulties to all his Majesty's Northern Colonies, too many to be enumerated here, & too obvious to need it. Wherefore we trust that all his Majesty's Governments upon this Continent will leave nothing untry'd for raising a sufficient Force for securing the Success of the present Enterprize, that is, all the Force they can raise.

The securing of the Assistance of the six Nations we esteem a Point most essential to the Success of the Expedition, and necessary to be gain'd at any rate: M^r^ Gooch writes to M^r^ Shirley that he will come with Presents in his hands for this Purpose.

All possible dispatch is so apparently necessary for our succeeding in this Expedition, or even proceeding upon it, that we are perswaded your Honour will agree with us in it. We inclose your Honour a

Memorandum of what we apprehend necessary to be provided, & doubt not but you will be pleas'd to provide what part of 'em can be had in your Government; We hope in particular that two arm'd Sloops, Brigantines or Snows with 80 Men & 10 Carriage Guns each may be procur'd by your Honour; And we think that as it will be absolutely necessary that the Troops should be prepar'd to winter in the Enemy's Country, ten Months Provisions should be got for 'em, and some Salt put on board every Transport, which will be of Service to cure what fresh Stock may be had in Canada; And as there will be a greater Number of Seamen wanting for not only the Transports & arm'd Vessels from the Colonies, but his Majesty's Ships also at Louisbourg, the Vigilant in particular, we hope your Honour will assist as much as may be by an Impress or otherwise as you shall think proper.

We have in a joint Letter desir'd Lieut^{t} General S^{t} Clair to come to Boston, as it will save much time in forwarding the Expedition, for doing which nothing shall be wanting on our Parts, nor will we are perswaded on your Honours.

We are with very great Regard
Sir, Your most obedient
humble Servants
P WARREN W SHIRLEY

We desire the favour of you to let us know as soon as possible the Number of Troops you shall be able to raise in your Governm^{t} & by what time they will get to the Place of Rendezvous.

The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Warren and Shirley July 4th 1746

JABEZ HAMLIN TO JONATHAN LAW.

MIDDLETOWN July 5th 1746

Hon^ble S^r

Your Favour of the 4th Inst^t I Rec^d This Day In Answer To which Beg Leave to Inform y^r Hon^r that I Have Consulted with our Carpenters and Pilots in the River and are of Opinion y^t A Ship of the Smaller Dimensions Viz 24 Guns may be built Here and Carried out of the River without Difficulty: I Presume I may Say without Arrogance y^t we have as Good builders & Timber Here as in any part of the Colony And other proper Tradesmen as Smiths Ropemakers Blockmakers &c^a: I Beg Leave to Return my Hearty thanks to y^r Hon^r for y^e Proposale to this Town & Flatter my Self y^t If a Ship be built Here y^e Work will be to Good Acceptance of y^r Hon^r and y^e Admirale I Beg Leave to Subscribe my Self y^r Hon^rs Most Obedient

Humble Serv^t
JABEZ HAMLIN

Hon^ble JON^A LAW Esq^r

[Superscribed] To The Hon^ble JONATHAN LAW Esq^r
In Milford On his Majesties Service

JABEZ HAMLIN TO JONATHAN LAW.

MIDDLETOWN July 6th A D 1746

Hon^ble S^r

This may Inform y^t I meet with Difficulty in procuring Proper Transports have not as yet Taken up more y^n one: I have Sent to Coll. Saltonstall and Late y^e Last night Rec^d His Answer in which he Informs me y^e Cap^t of y^e Snow y^t brought our Troops from Louisbourg is very willing to be

Imploy'd In y^e^ Service She Is a Vessell Very Commodius & Every way well Equipt & Mounts 12 Carriage Guns a Prime Sayler, well Man'd he is not willing to Contract with us for Less y^n^ he has had from y^e^ Crown which is 16^s^/ Sterling y^e^ Capt Says All hee Desires is your Hon^rs^ Certificate that he is Continued in y^e^ Service & Expects his pay Still from y^e^ Crown and Is willing to Run y^e^ Riske of that pay; which I Apprehend will Save a Great Charge to this Government and be a Vast Conveniency: and when y^e^ worst Comes; It is but paying; and y^e^ Extra Charge will (In my opinion) be but Trifling in proportion to y^e^ Advantage This Case Differing In Its Circumstances I tho't not proper to proceed without y^r^ Hon^rs^ Advice and Direction y^e^ Vessell is Ready to Sail to N York to Look for fr^t^ Coll^ll^ Saltinstall Urges for an Answer on Monday or y^e^ Snow will be Gone Therefore must Beg y^e^ Favour of y^r^ Hon^rs^ A[ ]e & Direction with all Expedition and Shall Condu[ ] Seff Accordingly I am with Sincere Regards y^r^ Hon^rs^ most Obedient

Humble Serv^t^
JABEZ HAMLIN

Hon^ble^ JON^A^ LAW Esq^r^

[Superscribed] On His Majesties Service To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ In Milford ℔ M^r^ Baldwin

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON July 8. 1746

Sir,

As it is necessary that the Bearer should return with all Expedition by the Way of Rhode Island, in order to deliver a Letter to the Governour there, &

that the Packet directed to Governour Clinton should be immediately sent, I must pray your Honour to send it by Express as soon as possible.

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
W. SHIRLEY.

The hon^ble^ Governour LAW

[Superscribed] To the hon^ble^ Governour LAW

JONATHAN LAW TO PETER WARREN.

MILFORD July y^e^ 9^th^ 1746

S^r^

I was favour'd with yours of y^e^ 27^th^ of the Last month I forthwith Sent to maj^r^ Hamlin of Middleton who returned me this answer that he had Consulted the Carpenters & Pilots of y^e^ River and are of opinion that a Ship of 24 Gunns may be built there and Carryed out of y^e^ River without difficulty, and presumes to Say they have as Good builders Timber and other proper Tradesmen as Smith^s^ Rope makers Block makers &c: as in any part of y^e^ Colony

att New London there has been in time past a Shipp of 700 tonns and another of 500 built but that being further Distant I have not Sent thither Many of our Companies are Complete and the rest in So fair a way for it that it has not been thought needfull to give orders for Impressing as yet, we Can do no more than be ready till the Commissions Come

I am Sorry to hear the Leavies Go on so Dully in other Provinces, and your turning of to Crown Point has Given me many thoughts of heart Least

you almost dispair of y^e^ Voyage up S^t^ Lawrence this year but as yet Live in hourly Expectation of hearing of y^e^ arival of y^e^ Brittish Squadron at Lewisburg. Should be glad to hear y^e^ Livies in other Provinces went on more briskly & when they be Likely to be Complet twould give us great Joy to wait upon you here yet fear it would be an Evidence of y^e^ Dropping y^e^ expedition. Excuse me S^r^ In what I have written in haste and I Shall for Ever Remain

your Hon^rs^ most oblidgd & humble
obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

The Hon^ble^ PETER WARREN

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Admiral Warren July 9^th^ 1746

ROBERT DENISON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON July y^e^ 14^th^ 1746

May It Pleese you Honnor

These Comes to Inform you Honor that I have Inlisted one John Phelps and Paid him his premeam which Is thirty pounds and Sum time Sence one James Harris Ju^r^ having a Judgment against Said Phelps for fifty od pounds hath Put him In Prison and he being a Very pore man and I Ignorant of his Curcomstances must Luse a Good Soldior and the Contrey the 30^ll^ unless your Honor Should Interpose In the affare and order the man to be Let out for he is a Kings Soldior, and I am Informed by act of Parlement no man Shall be hild for Debt unless It Excead 10^ll^ Starling and I fear we Shall Light of many Such Strocks before we Git away unless your Honor Should In your Grat Wisdom with your Coun-

sell find out Sum way to Remedy the Same, which being In much hast Is all at present from your most obedient and Verey Humb^{e} Sar^{t}

ROBERT DENISON Cap^{T}

[Indorsement by Law (mutilated)]

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW

Boston July 14. 1746

Sir,

As we are of Opinion that no time should be lost for sending the Forces now raising in your Government to the Place of Rendezvous as soon as possible, whether your Honour shall be of Opinion to send 'em directly to Louisbourg, or to Nantasket in order to proceed from thence with the Massachusetts Troops & under the same Convoy; we thought it would be proper to communicate our Sentiments to you, & in particular that we think it a very material Point that the Troops should proceed with Provisions for ten Months.

As we have the utmost reason to apprehend from the Declaration in the Duke of Newcastle's Letter to M^{r} Shirley of the 9th of April concerning the Appointm^{t} of Officers to command the Forces now raising in North America, that the Governour of every Colony where a Body of Men shall be rais'd sufficient to form a Regiment will have the Appointm^{t} of Field Officers for that Regiment, we hope in Case any Accident should prevent the Arrival of the Fleet & Commissions longer than it was expected, that it will not hinder the Officers from proceeding with the Men under their Command, as they may depend upon having at all Events the Commissions for w^{ch} they

are nominated by their respective Governour; who will receive Blanks to be fill'd up by him for that Purpose.

We are Sir,
Your Honour's
most humble Servants
P WARREN W SHIRLEY

The hon^ble^ Gov^r^ Law

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 14^th^ July 1746

Sir

Yesterday I recd Yours with 3 Packets inclosed, viz^t^ one for myself, One for M^r^ Hamilton President of the Jersey's, and another for Governour Thomas, w^ch^ I've forwarded this day by Post.

The Assembly here is determined to provide nothing for the Expedition, but what His Majesty in particular has recommended, except a Bounty, w^ch^ must greatly obstruct the service as many Materials will be wanted, not mentioned in the Duke of Newcastles Letter I am

Sir Your very humble Ser^t^
G CLINTON

Gov^r^ Law

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Clintons July 14^th^ 1746

ELIHU HALLE TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hon^t^ Sir

I spake with Maj^r^ Hamlin who acquainted me that it was Judg^d^ absolutely necessary to procure 300 Tons of Shipping more for the Expedition, I suppose he has been able to demonstrate the Necessity thereof;

Majr Hamlin supposed it needful to have a Chest to two Men, considering the great Bundle of Cloathing each must have, & other Useful Appurtenances, & Suffer me to say I apprehend it will be little short of murthering men, to Tumble Men into Small Vessells where there will be a Boisterous Sea, as this Navigation is Attendd therewithal, & when Mens spirits are Evaporated, & Exhausted, Mortality Ensues, We have prepard a Transport for my Men & on Thursday can receive on board, at N Haven

Yr Dutifl Huml Servt

E HALLE

July 15. 1746.

Gov Law,

[Superscribed] For The Hone Jona Law Esqr Govr of Connecticutt Milford

[Indorsed] Capt Hall July 15 1746

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston July 16th 1746

Sir

I am favourd with yours of the 9th Inst and can't as yet determine in what Part of your Governmt I shall sett up the Ship of Warr.

I hear with pleasure that your Companys are compleat. In Mr Shirley's & my joint Letter, I hope We have removed the doubt about the Commissions, & that no difficulty will arrise on that head, since it must be allowd that you have full Power to appoint all the Officers to act till the Kings Commissions arrive. I dont despair of going to Canada this year, if the Troops can be got to the Rendezvous at Louisbourg, in season & well equiped, but I presume

whether they do or do not, Crown Point will be attackd by the Forces of those Colonys that are directed to act by Land under Brigad[r] General Gooch, the Reduction of which Fortress will be of very great Consequence to all the Colonys, whose Frontiers we suppose have been annoyd chiefly from thence, you may depend nothing shall be wanting on my Part to carry on his Maj[s] Intentions against our Enimys, and I am sure Posterity will have the greatest Reason to censure our Conduct if We do not embrace this Opportunity to exterpate so dangerous, & growing an Enemy as the French must ever prove to the Kings Subjects upon this Continent. Had they it as much in their power to despossess us, they woud do it in six Months

I am with great Regard Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble servant
P WARREN

You will please to distinguish the Vessells that shall be employd upon the Expedition, by ordering them to wear a broad blew Vane with a white Ball in it at their Main Topmasts, or Top Gall[t] Mast heads

The Hon[ble] Govern[r] LAW

[Indorsed] Admiral Warren July 26[th] 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD July 16[th] 1746

S[r]

Yours of y[e] 8[th] Instant I rec[d] and immediately by an Express forwarded your paquett to Gov[r] Clinton by whom I am informd That on y[e] 13[th] he rec[d] it, and sent one to M[r] Hamilton and the other to Gov[r]

Thomas by Post on y^e^ 14^th^ And sais y^e^ Assembly have determined to provide nothing for y^e^ Expedition but what his Maj^ty^ in ꝑticular has recoñended except a Bounty which must greatly obstruct y^e^ Service in that many Materials will be wanted.

Yours of y^e^ 4^th^ Instant mentions a Memorandum inclosd of what ye apprehend necessary to be provided but it was omitted and I have it not. about y^e^ number of our Troops and the preparations we are in must refer you to mine of y^e^ 24^th^ of the last month and of y^e^ 9^th^ of this to Adm: Warren. As to Shipps of force our Assembly refusd to hire any or improve our own Guard a Coast and depend on Shipps in his Maj^ties^ pay for a Convoy, as D. G. Wolcott informd y^r^ would be two men of Warr att Boston. I shall take off y^e^ Embargo on Provisions so soon as I receive an Acc^t^ from our Comessaries that they are supplyd, their Orders were to furnish for 5 months now and for 7 months to be sent after y^m^ to Louisburg, but in as much as new Pork cant be had by that time, y^e^ whole y^r^ of must now be securd.

As to an Embargo and impressing men into his Maj^ties^ Service on y^e^ Seas I think I have no Warrant for it

Our Levies are compleat or so near it that I doubt not they would soon be ready to embark were the Coñissions come

with all due Regards to your Excellency and Admiral Warren

I Subscribe Your very humble
obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley July 16 1746

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy ℔ Adams

LONDON 19 July 1746

The Hon^ble JON^A LAW Esq^r

S^r

This is my third Letter to your Honour by this Conveyance & Serves Just to Acknowledge the Rec^t of one from you of the 16 April Accompan^s an Acc^t of the Colony's Disburstments in the Expedition to Cape Breton, the full amount of which I hope I shall be able to Recover the next Session of Parliament, in pursuance of a Report to his Majesty from the Lords of Councill as I intimated to your Honour in my Last: I am

Your Hon^rs & the Colonys

most faithf^l hum^le serv^t

ELIAK^M PALMER

[Indorsed] Agent Palmers rec^d feb^r 20 1746/7

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON July the 23^d 1746

Hon^ble Sir

Your favours of the 12^t & 15^t Instant have before me, and observe the Contents. As yet no news of Gen^l S^t Clairs Arrival, no doubt when he comes to Boston he'l be furnisht with Comis^ns enough, for the Expedition; I apprehend that's part of the Gov^r & Adm^ls views, in sending for him to Boston, that no demurr may be made on that head. Cap^t Burnham came off a Cruise Yesterday, and sometime last week spoke with a Brig^te from Newfoundland; who a day after he left the Land, saw 8 or 10 large ships standing towards Louisbourg, w^ch he judg'd was part

of the English Fleet. The Snow Your Honour mentions is long since gone to New York the Cap^{t} was desirous of the Service, & desir'd no more then a Certificate, that he remain'd in the Service, w^{ch} would enable him to gett his pay at London of the Commissioners. this I advis'd Maj^{r} Hamlin off, (as he sent down a messenger to me, to know the State of that matter) & I conclude he advis'd your Hon^{r} off it. I shall make use of the Tents agreable to your Hon^{rs} directions, & what Cloath^{g} may be necessary, tho' beleive the Soldiers have generaly supply'd themselves.

Its dificult for me to certify Your Honour what Provisions the Commiss^{ys} have bou^{t}, Col^{o} Huntington & I, have about 400 barrells, It was aprehended at Court that 2500 barrells would be wanted; how near that quantity is purchas'd, Your Honour will better know then I; there's no more to be had this way; but as to bread & Flour wee are at no loss here, altho' the Embargo should be off. I am at a loss whether its expected that a large quantity of Salt be sent, to be made use off agreable to Gov^{r} Shirly's Scheme at Canada. Every thing I can do to expedite the Grand affair shall be done. Tho' when to see the Transports here man'd, am much at a loss the Seaman require £15. to £20. ℔ m. & I fear wont go even at those Wages, unless they are compel'd; And Your Hon^{r} well knows, the Com^{rys} have not power suficient to furnish the men in that form. morover, divers of the Transports are impres'd, the owners won't agree at £4. ℔ Ton; (w^{ch} I apprehend the Western Vessell's are taken up at) therefore the Vessells many of y^{m} lye without Mas^{rs} or Men, tho' the Stores are put & puting on board daily; they seem to insist on 14/. Sterling ℔ Ton, & the Colony risque

against Enemys & Seas since the Navigation up the River S^t^ Lawrence is so very dificult; So that I shall need direction in this dificult Situation with respect to the hire & manning the Transports

I am with the utmost Regard
Y^r^ Honours most Obed^t^
Hum^l^ Serv^t^
G SALTONSTALL

To The Honb^le^ JON^A^ LAW Esq^r^ Gov^r^

[Superscribed] On his Maj^ties^ Service To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ Governour att Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Saltonstall July 23^d^ 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD July 29^sh^ 1746

*S^r^*

Your and M^r^ Warrens Joint Letter of y^e^ 14^th^ instant wherein you have given me your Sentiments in Diverse particulars Concerning y^e^ Expedition to Canada I acknowledge the favour of and as you therein press the Sending y^e^ forces Raised here whether the Commissions come or not I tho't proper to advise with y^e^ Council of war appointd to attend me about that matter, who are of Opineon that by the Duke of Newcastles Letter it was Reasonable to Expect y^e^ Commissions before the fleet and to be Sent here and filled up before y^e^ officers Left y^e^ Colony, and that its uncertain what Number of Commissions will finally be Sent whether for more than half y^e^ numbers here Raised and whether they will be formed in the Same manner which we have Supposed in y^e^ appointment of officers or not and that it appears to them Difficult to Send the officers and Souldiers

abroad without Commissions and whether they will Submit to any orders for y^t^ purpose is Doubtfull Since the officers have all Expected to Receive their commissions before their Departure which things I apprehend makes it very Difficult to comply with your proposal yet notwithstanding we would by no means be Singular nor nor insist on any thing that Shall Delay this great and important Undertaking, I have therefore Sent this by Express to your Excellency and Desire you to Acquaint Me what numbers you have raised and in what forwardness your Levys are and whether you Shall Send your forces to y^e^ Place of Rendezvous without y^e^ Commissions and if you Do to Let me know at what time they will Embark, I have given orders to our officers to hold themselves in a Readiness to march and Embark on y^e^ first orders immediately and propose our forces Shall if possible Joyn yours at Nantasket for Convoy, hope your excellency will order matters So y^t^ we may not be Disappointed of y^t^ advantage and Send by this Express an answer to what is above requested and I shall take all possible care to be as Expeditious as y^e^ Circumstances of this affair will allow the Season is so far advanced that I conclude Every one will think no Delays Should be made and for my own part I Shall press forward and not so much Regard those matters which were it not for y^e^ necessity of y^e^ present case I should Look upon to be of too great importance to be passed by,

I am S^ir^ with Great Respect
Your Excellencys most
Humble Servant
J LAW

P S. as it is possible the fleet may come too Late to go up y^e^ River S^t^ Lawrance or fail of coming this

year So I conclude your tho'ts have been turning upon measures proper to be pursued in case of Such a disappointment and as your Excellency has heretofore Desired my tho'ts I propose to you & m^r^ Warren that in case y^e^ fleet should fail or be so Late as not to go up the River that you would alter y^e^ plan of opperations by ordering the New England forces to Joyn y^e^ troops Raised in the western Colonys to make their attempts more Effectual I am informed by Capt. Kellogg whom we have engaged as a pilot that an attack by Land May be made in some Respects with better advantages in the winter than Summer Season. I think if we Set Still y^e^ Enemy will continually Harrass our borders but in case we effectually pursue y^e^ Designs proposed by Land it will more powerfully engage y^e^ Six Nations than any Embassy or presents will Do and be a security to our frontiers if any such methods should be come into it will be necessary for me to call an assembly to Direct so far as may concern this Colony and for y^t^ purpose must be Seasonably acquainted, if these hints may be of any service I shall be glad.

I am &c

J L.

His Excellency Governour SHIRLY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley July 29^th^ 1746 and Aug^st^ 12

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON July 30. 1746

Sir,

I send this by M^r^ Andrew Hall (a Member of the General Court here, & one of the Committee appointed to provide for our Troops raised for the Expe-

dition against Canada) to inform your Honour that, as we depend on the Southern Colonies for almost all Kinds of Provisions, our Supplies are now much short of what is necessary for the Subsistence of our Forces for that space of time that they may be employed in that Service, and in particular we are in great want of Pork and Beef. I have no doubt but your Governm^{t} have secured a Sufficiency for your own Troops; and therefore I must request of your Honour that you would continue your Embargo, so far as to prevent any Exportation of Provisions from your Colony, to those Parts where they carry them in the way of common Trade, and to permit any of your Vessels bound hither with Provisions to proceed without delay, & if for want of Provisions, (especially Meat) being now loaded on the Vessels bound for Boston, M^{r} Hall should find it necessary to purchase them in your Government, & take a Vessel or Vessels for transporting them hither, I desire your Honour would give him all the Assistance & Encouragement needful for their Dispatch

I am Sir,
Your Honours most obedient
humble Servant
W SHIRLEY.

The hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}.

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD July 30 . 1746

Hon^{d} S^{r}

I Rec^{d} your Honours Command of yesterdays Date in obedience to which I would Inform your Hon^{r} y^{t} I have had my Company of an hundred

Including officers filled for Better then Three weeks Passed & have Been Constantly under Disepline in Miletary Exercise But as to our Equipment we are not Compleet we want about twenty fire arms & about as many Blankets: Blankets y^r^ are None to be bought among us in Quantities but buy them out of families as we Can get them one at a time & Vary Difecult to be Got y^t^ if we are Called spedyly to go: expect Blankets must be Pressed Guns if we should want a small Number I Conclude we Can get out of Shop att New london which Came from Cape Breton

from y^r^ Honou^rs^ obedient serv^t^

JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To his Hon^or^ JON^A^ Law Esq^r^ Gov^r^ of y^e^ Colony of Conecticut

RHODE ISLAND'S POWER OF ATTORNEY TO RICHARD PARTRIDGE.

We the Govern^r^ & Comp^a^ of his Majesty's Colony of Rhode Island & providence Plantations in America do hereby Authorize Constitute & appoint Rich^d^ Partrige of the City of London Marchant Agent and Attorney for Us said Govern^r^ & C^o^ hereby Authorizing and impowering him in all suitable & humble manner to Supplicate his Majesty & the Parliament of Great Britain for a Reimbursement of the Charges & Expences of said Colony in the sending of an arm'd Vessell to join Commodore Warren for the Annoying of y^e^ French & the Reduction of Cape Breton & sending 3 Companies of Land forces for y^t^ End & Garrisoning said Place till his Majesty was Please to secure y^e^ same by Garrison from Europe which was done in Obedience to his Majestys Command signifying by his G[ ] the Duke of New Castle by his

letter dated Whitehall Jan^{y} 3^{d} 1774/5 & to g[ ] proper Receipts therefore in behalf of said Colony In Testimony whereof I have sign'd this Instrument & Causd the seal of said Colony to be Affix'd thereto by order & in behalf of the Aforesaid Govern^{r} & Company this first day of August in the twentieth year of y^{e} Reign of our Sovereigne lord George the second by y^{e} Grace of God of great Britain France & Irelang King [ ] Faith &c^{a} Annoq Dom. 1746.

WILL^{M} GREEN Gov^{R}

[Indorsed] Copy of a Power of Attorney from the Gov^{r} & Comp^{y} of Rhoad Island to y^{r} Agent to receve the money Grant^{d} by Parliam^{t} for the Reduction of Cape Breton.

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

This Acquaints Y^{r} Honour (agreable to your Direction of July 29th) That my Company is compleat, well Cloathed, and furnished with Guns, and ready to embarque on the first notice given from y^{r} Hon^{r} To

y^{r} most obedient
Humble Servant
ELISHA WILLIAMS

WEATHERSF^{LD} Aug^{t} 1^{t} 1746

[Superscribed] For the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govern^{r} &^{c} In Milford

SAMUEL TALCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD August 1 : 1746

May It pleas your Hon^{r} In obedience to y^{r} ord^{r} I have mustered y^{e} Men I have Inlisted y^{t} is 31 they want five guns and 3 Blankits have but two of them

Hangers otherwise Expect they will be acquiped & Shall order them at Hartford ready to March on Tuesday next If your Hon^{r} Should give orders have wrot Lieu^{t} Smithson at Durham & Leiu^{t} Lyman at N: Haven to make return to y^{r} Hon^{r} how y^{e} Numbers with them & Ens^{n} Blakelys Men are Equiped & What Deficiencys there are & if possible to hold them Selves In readiness to march y^{e} midle of next week or Sooner if y^{r} Hon^{r} Command & am y^{r} Hon^{rs}

Most Obedient Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

SAM^{L} TALCOTT

P. S Suppose I want two men proposed to be raised at Waterbury but Expet to fill them up this week S: T

[Superscribed] To The Hono^{ble} Jon^{a} Law Esqr Gov^{r} att Milford These

SMITHSON'S ROLL OF MEN INLISTED.

Durham August y^{e} 2^{d}: 1746

an Account of the men Number and Names Enlisted into his majesties Service in the Intended Expedition against Canada; Enlisted p^{r} me will^{m} Smithson first Leu^{t} in Leu^{t} Co^{ll} Sam^{ll} Talcotts Company with an acount of their Equipment Cloathing and arms

Benjamin Griswould	Timothy Hill
Isaac Haill	Isaac Turner
Joel Camp	Josep Bradley
Moses Goff	Benj^{n} Chittenden
Thomas Bryant	Thomas Rutte
H[ ]y Achins	John Tibballs
David Towner	Dan Robinson
James Doney	Abraham Doolitte
Sam^{ll} Butler	Jame Bawll (?)
Ichabod Hand	

all Equipt with Cloathing and Arms fitt for service

John Robinson	Will^{m} Dening
Thomson Spelman	Elihu Bayley
Jesper Rutte	Elisha Crane

These with Cloathing and no Arms

[Indorsed by Law] Smithsons Roll

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Aug^{t} 2. 1746

Sir,

I am favour'd with yours of the 29th of last Month by your Express, in answer to w^{ch} I would inform your Honour, I apprehend from the best Computation I can make of the number of Levies rais'd within this province for the Expedition ag^{t} Canada (for the returns of all the recruiting Officers are not near come in yet) may be upwards of 2000; and I expect they will be all muster'd, and imbark'd by the 14th Instant; and their proceeding to the place of Rendezvous will not be delayed an hour for want of the Arrival of the Commissions here: For neither the officers nor my self have any doubt, after the Advices we have reciev'd in the Duke of Newcastle's Letter, but y^{t} the appointments of the several Officers will be made good according to the nominations of 'em by the respective Governours or Governm^{ts} concern'd in the Expedition, provided field Officers are not made for any number of Companies under ten, nor any Companies are form'd of less y^{n} 100 men: And I shall be exceeding glad y^{t} the Connecticutt Troops may partake of the Convoy, under w^{ch} the forces of this Governm^{t} shall proceed from Nantasket, when they shall stay for 'em one or two days rather y^{n} the levies of your Governm^{t} should lose the benefit of the

Convoy. But I would take the liberty to mention to your Honour y^t^ M^r^ Warren & I think it will be expected at least from your Colony y^t^ your Sloop sh^d^ be employ'd in the service of the Expedition; and we hope your Governm^t^ will be of the same sentim^ts^, when I acquaint ycu y^t^ the Massachusetts Governm^t^ is fitting out four Vessells of Warr; the New Hampshire province (as we understand from Gov^r^ Wintworth) two; and the Rhode Island Governm^t^ their Colony sloop for the same service; Besides we think it would be no more y^n^ what prudence requires y^t^ your Levies and provisions should come under some Convoy even to Nantasket, w^ch^ we are of Opinion your Colony sloop would sufficiently afford 'em.

I intirely agree with your Honour in your sentiments contain'd in the postscript of your Letter, and fully purpose y^t^ in case we should disappointed by any Accident from proceeding this Year to Quebeck, the Troops rais'd in this Governm't shall join those of the Western Governm^ts^ in making what Impressions we can upon the Enemy by land; w^ch^ we hope may be very considerable and y^t^ no small progress may be made towards perfecting the Conquest of Canada the ensuing Spring; I think at least our Operations by land may in such case answer his Maj^ys^ end Expence and service, with that of the Colonies; and I can't doubt but the Governm^ts^ of New Hampshire and Rhode Island will be of the same sentim^ts^, and readily join with us.

For this purpose M^r^ Warren and I are very desirous of the Assistance of some Gentlemen from your Governm^t^ (if you think proper) and New Hampshire in a consultation, and shall be oblig'd to Major Gen^l^ Woolcott and Colonel Trumbald, if they will give themselves the trouble of letting us see 'em at

Boston as soon as possible, after your Honour shall receive this; and I shall upon this Occasion make the same proposal to Gov^r^ Wentworth for sending M^r^ Atkinson to Boston, and have wrote to M^r^ Kellog and Col Stoddard to be with us, as soon as may be, and hope to see M^r^ Lydias upon his return from the meeting of Gov^r^ Clinton and our Commissioners with the six Nations; and shall upon the same Occasion consult all persons in this province, who are acquainted w^th^ the Country of Canada. And I can't but hope y^t^ the result of this meeting may be greatly for his Maj^ys^ service and the good of the Common cause, whether our Troops proceed to Louisbourg, and from thence to Quebeck (w^ch^ I hope and am persuaded will be the case) or are prevented by any unexpected accident. The utmost dispatch (as your Honour justly Observes) is necessary in our proceedings and not a mom^ts^ time should be lost.

As I am unwilling to detain the Express 'till I write to Lieuten^t^ Gov^r^ Woolcott I must beg the favour of your Honour to excuse me to him and Col Trumbal in a line accompany'd with a copy of this by the Express to 'em or one of 'em if you think proper.

It is now so late in the Day y^t^, the Express waiting, I must conclude with subscribing myself with due respect

Sir Your Honour's most
Obedient Humble Serv^t^
W SHIRLEY.

The Hon^ble^ Gov^r^ Law

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirlys Aug^st^ 2^d^ 1746

JOSIAH STARR TO JONATHAN LAW.

FAIRFIELD August 6th 1746.

Honou^d S^r

Agreable to: your Honours; orders to me Directed; I have Called my Company together & find I have my full Compliment of Men Inlisted: all Clothed; & all of y^e Company, Except fifty Seven, provided, with a good Gun and are all Ready to move on first Notice

These with due Respect Come from your
Hon^rs Verry Hum^le Serv^t
JOSIAH STARR CAPT

[Indorsed by Law] Cap^t Starr Aug^st 1746

ELIHU HALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

To The Hon^o Jon^a Law Esq^r Comander in Chief in and over his Majesty^s English Colony of Connecticutt.

In Obedience to your Order 29th Ultim^o I caused the Company Enlisted under me for the Expedition against the French Settlements at Canada to be Inspected and find that Four Men are not Cloathed & the rest will be ready to Embarque according to Order & Equipt as to Arms & Cloathing

ELIHU HALL CAP^N

Aug^t 6, 1746.

[Indorsed] Cap^t Hall Aug^st 6 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD Aus^st 7 1746

S^r

Att y^e Desire of Gov^r Shirley I inclose to you a Copy of his Letter which is an Answer to what I

sent to him by an Express, the Substance of it was, to be informd of y^e^ Number of his Levies in what readiness they were and when they would embark, as also to know whether they would go without their Comissions and also to signify to him that thô it did not seem to agree with y^e^ Dukes Instructions yet we would not be singular but if others did proceed without y^e^ Comissions that ours should also — and then a proposal of w^t^ might be proper if y^e^ Fleet come too late to go up the River That the Gentlemen appointed to alter the Plan of Operation would direct y^e^ N England forces to joyn the Southern Colonies by land which would be better carryd on in y^e^ Winter Season than in y^e^ Sum̃er as M^r^ Kellog had suggested to me, but if y^e^ Fleet come not That it would be best by Order of y^e^ Gov^ts^ to pursue the like Measures by land and I should be free to call an Assembly, but y^e^ Messenger waiting must be excusd in breaking off

and Subscribe

Your Hon^rs^ humble Servant

J LAW

P S I now send Orders to the several Officers to be att N. London on y^e^ 14^th^ Instant the Com^tee^ thôt it not in our Province to appoint Com^rs^ to treat on y^e^ Subject neither was y^r^ Occasion if our Troops go on y^r^ Voyage

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Aug^st^ 12 1746

*S^r^*

Yours of y^e^ 2^d^ Instant I rec^d^ and on y^e^ 7^th^ inclosd to Gov^r^ Wolcott a Copy of it, by an Express w^ch^ I

sent to our several Comanding Officers with Orders to rendezvous att N: London on y^e^ 14^th^ Instant y^r^ to remain till further Order. have rec^d^ no Answer from his Hon^r^ but by word of mouth am Informd by my Messenger That Coll^l^ Trumbal is going to Boston and that he will speak w^th^ M^r^ Wolcott on the Subject I am told by some of our Officers That many of y^r^ men are resolute not to stirr out of y^e^ Gov^t^ till y^r^ Officers receive y^r^ Com^ns^ and choose rather to be shott att Home. I remember you informd me That you and M^r^ Warren had sent joyntly to L^t^ Gen^l^ S^t^ Clair to come to you att Boston to settle y^e^ Plan of Operation if so I doubt not of your giving me Notice forthwith on his Arrival together with the blank Com^ns^ and that our forces being all ready to embark att N. London will not fail of joyning yours, if y^e^ Season for going by water this year be not over which in a short time will come about in y^e^ opinion of all men of ———, and you will alter y^e^ Plan and order all our year Troops to joyn y^e^ land forces as you have some times thôt proper for most of y^m^ for our N. England forces cant winter att Louisburg nor the British but of Necessity they must remove to N England or else where And [ ] Case they come not, and we fail of his Maj^ties^ Com^ns^ we must proceed on our own authority as we did against Cape Breton, and we had better carry on a Warr att Canada than to have y^e^ Theater of Warr att Home and for such a purpose we had passd several Bills which on the coming of the Dukes Orders were laid Dormant.

Cap^t^ Brentnal askd my Approbation of his proceeding to enlist men here by your Excellencies Orders.

I told him if our men went out of the Gov^t^ and enlisted I had nothing to say to them, but nature

and y^e^ D of N. C s has taught us That we were to judge what men we could spare and never expected you would take it patiently if I had sent Officers to make up their Levies in your Gov^t^ but I take no Offence at it thô many of our people do I look not so much at y^e^ meanes so the good end may be obtain'd which is the hearty desire and earnest prayer of

S^r^ Your Excellencies
most humble
and obedient Servant
J LAW

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON August 18. 1746.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 12^th^ Instant, & observe the Averseness of your Soldiers to leave the Colony before their Officers have received the King's Commissions, as also the Exception that is taken at my employing M^r^ Brentnal to raise a Company in your Government. As I has been informed by M^r^ Brentnal & others that your Levies have been a good while since, compleated, & that there were still a considerable Number of People disposed to enlist for the Expedition, and as I found we could not make up Our Quota within the Province, I had not the least Jealousy that my employing One of your own People to raise a Company in your Colony could give Umbrage to you or any of your Government.

And I think I can, according to the Rule, you seem to refer me to, of doing to others as we would they should do unto Us, sincerely answer you, that

if the Case of the Massachusetts were the same with that of Connecticut (as it has been represented to me) I should be willing Connecticutt Government should be supplied out of this: But if Mr Brentnal's or any other Officer's from hence enlisting Men should obstruct your Levies, there would be just Cause of Uneasiness; And if that be the Case I desire that Mr Brentnal may be obliged to desist. I would upon this Occasion acquaint you, That upon the late Expedition against Louisbourg, Governour Wentworth not only consented that I should raise, what men I could within his Government, but encouraged it to the utmost of his Power, & I accordingly raised about 200 Men there; And the Massachusetts Governmt never opposes the Recruiting Officers that come with proper Authority from the West Indies.

We have no Advice yet of the Forces from Great Britain, & few Days further Delay will make us conclude that it is too late to proceed to Quebeck this Year; But if that should be the Case, I am fully of the Mind that we ought to bend all our Force against Crown Point, and I should be glad your Honour would engage your Thoughts on this Subject; For as soon as ever we can hear of the Effect of the Congress at Albany, I believe Mr Warren & I shall come to an absolute Conclusion on these Affairs; And if we proceed to Crown Point, it must be with all the Strength we can make & as early as possible.

I shall be glad to see Colo Trumbal & am with due Regard

Sir Your Honour's most
Obedient Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

MICHAEL BURNHAM TO JONATHAN LAW.

NELONDON August 19th 1746

Honored Sr

I have ben advised by mr miller that it is your honnors plesure to staye the Coleny Sloop Defence in port untill it be Knowne whether the fleet proced on the entended Expidition: and in Case it dos to attend on Sd fleet to Nantasket or Luisbourg if Requird I would Humbly take leave to acquaint your honnor that the most of the men that are in the service of sd Sloop have ben verry Scrupelus whether or no when we ar under the Direction of Admirall Warrin he wont oblige the sloop to Continuee in the Expidition thay have therfore desired me to acquaint your honnor with ther Curcumstances in Genarel that thaye have not Clothing and necesaries anawaies fiting for such an Expedition it being unexpected to them and would Humbly beg of your Honnor to Reduce the matter to a certainty so as thaye may be provid for in season wich maye it ples your Honnor is from your honnos most

Obediant and Humble Sert
MICHAEL BURNHAM

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Goverr of His Majesties Colony of Connecticutt att Milford

PETER WARREN TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON August 19th: 1746

Sir

Admiral Townsend having desired me to give notice to the Trade of the Colonys, that a Convoy will sail from Louisbourg for England about the latter end of September; who will take any Ships under

their care that chuse to joyn the said Convoy at Louisbourg. I take this method to desire you will be pleas'd to notify this to the Trade of your Colony, as I do not think it adviseable to advertize it in the publick Prints.

I am Sir Y^r^ Most Obedient
humble Servant
P WARREN

To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Superscribed] On his Majestys service To The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^ Govern^r^ of Connecticut B° 2/8

[Indorsed] Adm^l^ Warren Aug^st^ 28 1746

[Bears heraldic seal in wax.]

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

KITTERY August: 19^th^ : 1746

Sir

your favour of the 7^th^ of July Last I received and am greatly Oblig'd to you for yo^r^ kind Expressions & as much Oblig'd to you for the readyness you Show to maintain our Acquaintance; I assure you it would have given me Equil pleasure as you mention it would you, to have met you and paid my respects to you in person, and Since you dont incline to take a Journey here, I have tho^ts^ of paying you a Visit in Connedicut if can get my hurry of business over

I observe you write you are to bear no part in the Expedition against Canada. I take that part of your Letter to be that you dont go in person, but I believe you bear a great part in Encourageing the men &c. in so good an Undertaking for if we can but root out of America that troublesome Enemy the French I hope we Shall be a happy people

His Grace the Duke of New Castle writs me of the 19th of April Last that the two Regiments Commandd by Govr Shirley & my Self was to Garrison Louisburg, and that he was commandd by His Majesty to recommend it to us to Use the utmost diligence in compleating the two Regiments to the highest Establishment for that purpose, and that it was Expectd that the Several Govrs in the Colonys would Assist therein, and that I would do all in my power to promote the Success of an Expedition against Canada: all wch directions I look upon it to be my indispensiable Duty to comply with, and my desire is to do all in my power

It has been a very great grief to me that those brave officers & Soldrs with us on the Expedition against Cape Briton had not been better rewarded my desire is to goo for England next Spring. as to the Commissions sent to me blank, as I am Sure in the Expedition I made no difference between ye men raisd in one Government than I did in another I shall not in any favour that ly's in my power now, You are Senseable that Capt Woster has a Commission for Capt in my Regiment, and Mr Nathan Whiting who I understood you had a particular Value for will have a Commission in my Regiment, and in New Hampshire Capt Mason is appointed a Captaine in my Regiment & Colle Mores Nephew I have given an Ensigns Commission I am glad Connedicut has don so Much towards raising men for my Regiment, and I hope you will Still continue yr good offices to help compleate the Same I should Esteem it as a ꝑticuler favour if you would be pleased to make my Complements to all those brave officers that Served with us in the last Campain & in particuler to my truly Valuable Friends Colle Burr, Colle Lathrop & Colle

Gutridge. I Shall be glad to Serve yo^{r} Sᵉlf or any Friend of yo^{rs} & am with Great Esteem & respect

Sir Your Most Hum^{ble} Serv^{t}

W^{M} PEPPERRELL

Maj^{r} Gener^{l} WOLCOTT

[Superscribed] on his Majestys Service B^{o} 3/8 Paid To The Hon^{ll3} Maj^{r} General WOLCOTT Att Windser In Connedicut

[Indorsed] S^{r} William Peperil

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON Aug^{t} 20th 1746

Hon^{ble} Sir

Since my last of the 3^{d} ultimo, have none of Your Honours favours. Notwithstand^{g} tho't it my Duty to advise Your Honour, that the Field Officers of the Reg^{t}. are now here; and several of the Comp^{ys} are in Town, others have halted near by; the Transports not being arriv'd, they could not be billeted in Town. The Transports provided by Col^{o} Huntington & my self, are ready here, to receive the Soldiers, but they want, many Seamen, & It dont appear likely they will be man'd unless impress'd

Cap^{t} Hancock, & Cap^{t} Bulkeley, are also here; & Five or Six more are expected to morrow

I am Y^{r} Hon^{rs}

Most Obed^{t}, Hum^{le} Serv:

G: SALTONSTALL

To The Honb^{le}, JON^{A} LAW Esq. Gov^{r}.

[Superscribed] To The Hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r} Governour att Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Saltonstall Augst 22 1746 and Copy of a Letter to him Augst 23^{d}

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Aug^t 22. 1746

Sir,

I have receiv'd a Letter from M^r Brentnal, whom I employed to raise a Company for the Expedition against Canada, within the Colony of Connecticut, who complains of great Opposition from divers Persons, and particularly that Suits in the Law have been brought against the Men that have enlisted, purely to hinder their proceeding, & some of them causeless and vexatious, & that after they have received their Bounty. I wrote largely to your Honour the last Week on the Affair of M^r Brentnal, and therefore have less need to trouble you with a long Letter now: But as I then said, I would now repeat it, That if M^r Brentnal's raising Soldiers in your Colony gives the least Obstruction to the making up your own Levies, I can't in reason ask any Encouragem^t for him; But if it be otherwise I must desire your Favour to him to releive him under his Difficulties, & particularly that the Bounty Money he has advanced may not be lost to him or this Province.

I am Sir.

Your Honour's most Obedient
humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

The hon^ble Governour LAW

JONATHAN LAW TO GURDON SALTONSTALL.

MILFORD Aug^st 23^d 1746

S^r

Yours of y^e 20^th Instant I rec^d Yesterday as also a Letter from Gov^r Shirley of the 18^th Instant a Paragraph whereof I herein transcribe Viz We have no Advice of the forces from great Britain and few dayes

further Delay will make us Conclude That it is too late to proceed to Quebeck this year. But if that should be the Case I am fully of the mind That we ought to bend all our forces against Crown point. And I should be glad Your Hon^{r} would engage your tho'ts on this Subject. for as soon as ever we can hear of the Effect of the Congress att Albany, I beleive M^{r} Warren and I shall come to an absolute Conclusion on these Affairs, and if we proceed to Crown point it must be with all the Strength we can make and as early as possible.

He excuses his Improving men to Inlist in this Colony, not being able to fill up his Levies in the Massathusetts, but makes no Mention of an Embarcation

Whereupon I thôt best to stopp the Transports that are here and att New haven and by an Express to advise you and other Gentlemen concernd, of these Circumstances Concluding that in a few days I should be farther Advisd and when I am, shall give Directions accordingly

In the mean time you will take the best Care you can of the Stores &c. and give the best Directions you can to M^{r} Harpin Comessary, w^{m} I have sent on this Emergency, and give my best Regards to Coll^{l} Williams &c desiring him to take especial Care of his Regiment till further Directions

And now it remains only That I subscribe myself Your very humble Servant

JONTH LAW

P S I expect today or on Monday an Opportunity to Advise with Gov^{r} Wolcott and the Gentlemen with him

I had before proposd this matter to Gov^{r} Shirleys Consideration in Case the ffleet come too late and

how to proceed if the Com^ns^ come not att all The Indians come in roundly att Albany as you see by N York print

J L

Coll^l^ GURDON SALTONSTALL

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON. Aug^t^ 25^th^ 1746.

Sir

I attended y^r^ Hon^rs^ order of repairing to this Place, on the 14^th^ Inst^t^ but The Transports from the River & the Westw^d^ not being here, Several of the Companies were obliged to Stop Short of this Town, where they might be provided for, till the Transports, at least Some of them Should arrive. Last Friday Those expected from the River came in, So that on Saturday we began to pitch our Tents. But we have not Tents & Beds Sufficient for the Soldiers here. M^r^ Commissary Fowler's 6^th^ part & what he Undertook to provide for another of the Commissarys being Wanting; which if here we might have them all Encamped, by which Means, the Soldiers would be much more Comfortable, than they can be any other ways here, & be under better advantage for Discipline, durin g our Stay Here. Which (by what y^r^ Hon^r^ Signifies to Col. Saltonstal in y^r^ Last Express) I Suppose will be until we are ordered to Crown Point.

I am Y^r^ Hon^rs^
most Obedient
Humble Serv^t^
E: WILLIAMS

The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW

[Superscribed] To The Hon^rble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq Governour &c At Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Williams

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Aug^{t} 25 - 1746

Sir,

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle having by his Majesty's Command in his Letter of the 9th of last April signify'd to M^{r} Shirley, that if Lieut^{t} Gen^{l} S^{t} Clair & we shall think that any other Scheme than that w^{ch} is contain'd in his Grace's said Letter for the Reduction of Canada may be more practicable & advisable, It will certainly be left to us three to do as we shall think proper; We have accordingly in the absence of L^{t} General S^{t} Clair (& as the major Part of those in whom his Majesty reposes this Trust) from time to time as we have judg'd it necessary for promoting his Majesty's Service, concerted Measures for the better conducting of the Preparations for this important Enterprize.

And whereas it appears to us from the Accounts we have receiv'd of the Levies rais'd within his Maj^{tys} several Governm^{ts} engaged in this Expedition, that those rais'd within the four Colonies of New England do not exceed 5000 at the most, nor those within the five Southern Colonies 2100, w^{ch} Troops together with the six Regim^{ts} expected from England, & the two lately arrived at at Louisbourg from Gibraltar will not, as we conceive be a sufficient Land Force for the Reduction of the whole Country of Canada, tho' the Squadron of his Maj^{tys} Ships & Transports appointed for the Service of the Expedition should arrive at Louisbourg in time for proceeding this Year up the River of S^{t} Lawrence, & carrying on afterwards the necessary Operations against Quebec; w^{ch} from the advanced Season of the Year, & our not having yet receiv'd Advice of their being on their

Passage, we are very apprehensive they most probably will not; And whereas we are of Opinion that the before mention'd American Troops together with the Indians of the six Nations, which it is hop'd will join with his Majesty's Troops in this Expedition, may, if they should act in Conjunction against the french Fort at Crown Point, be a sufficient Force for the Reduction of it, even tho' no Diversion should be made at Quebec to favour this Enterprize by a Land Armament; provided it is attempted without delay—and it appears to us that this Fort being the Key of Canada on the Land Side, & the Place of Rendezvous, from whence the Enemy not only may make Incursions upon most of his Maj^tys^ Colonies, & have begun already to commit great Devastations but may very much annoy that Part of his Majesty's Land Forces, w^ch^ according to the Plan of Operations for this Expedition transmitted to M^r^ Shirley in the Duke of Newcastles Letter, is design'd to penetrate into Canada from Albany by Land (if it should be left on their backs in the Possession of the Enemy) the Reduction & garrisoning of it by his Maj^tys^ Forces would not only be a Protection to the English Settlements on the Frontier during the Expedition, but open a more safe Passage into the Enemy's Country for his Maj^ty's^ Forces, be a commodious Magazine to 'em for Stores & Provisions, & by making us Masters of the Lake Champlain with the Passes, Defiles & Carrying Places as far as the Fort at Chamblee within sixteen Miles of Montreal, afford an easy Transportation of Provisions & Succours for the Support of the Expedition, prevent the Enemy from discovering our Motions on that Side, & put it into our Power to make sudden Descents on them; all w^ch^ would be the most effectual means of confirming the Indians of the six Nations

most strongly in his Majestys Interest, & very probably draw over to it some of the Tribes now in the french Interest, or at least bring 'em into a State of Neutrality between his Majtys Subjects & the French, & would, thro' the Blessing of the Divine Providence on his Majty's Arms, very much facilitate the Conquest of the whole Country of Canada the next year, if his Majesty should then be graciously pleas'd to send early in the Spring such a Naval & Land Force to proceed up the River St Lawrence as he shall judge sufficient with the Assistance of the Troops rais'd in America for the Reduction of Quebec & Montreal (as we have the strongest reason to hope he will); And in the mean time succours are prevented from being introduc'd by Sea into Quebec: And whereas we are perswaded that on the other hand an unsuccessful Attempt both by Sea & Land this Year for the Reduction of the whole Country (which we apprehend from the lateness of the Season, and the Weakness of the Forces raised in the five southern Colonies, that must in such Case march from Albany into the Enemy's Country by themselves, there is reason to fear might be the Case, especially if the Fort at Crown Point is not first reduc'd) would be attended with the immediate Loss of the six Nations to his Majesty's Service, & unite all the Indians most firmly in the french Interest, prove fatal to the Expedition, & afterwards produce very bad Consequences to all his Majesty's Northern Colonies.

We therefore conceiving it our indispensable Duty in the Absence of Lt Genl St Clair to execute the Trust repos'd in him & us by his Majesty, in such manner as we two shall judge to be most for his Majesty's Service & the Interest of his Northern

Colonies upon this Occasion, & apprehending that the joining of all the American Forces now rais'd in the Reduction of Crown Point, in Case we don't very suddenly hear of the Arrival of the Fleet & British Troops at Louisbourg, nor receive other Instructions from his Majesty, will not only facilitate the Conquest of the whole Country of Canada the next Year, but is conformable to the Scheme of the intended Expedition, as the same has been communicated in the Duke of Newcastle's Letter, and is indeed the only Part of it that is likely to be practicable this Year, have communicated our Sentiments to your Honour; and we doubt not of your Concurrence with us in this Case for his Maj$^{ty's}$ Service & the general Interest of the Colonies, & desire that your Troops may recieve Orders from you to hold themselves in readiness to proceed upon the first Notice to Albany, where we shall recommend it also to the Governm^{ts} of New Hampshire & Rhode Island to send their Troops upon the same Service, in Case we shall not very suddenly receive Instructions from his Majesty w^{ch} may interfere with this Design.

We have signifi'd this Our Opinion to Gov^{r} Clinton by an Express sent to Albany, & desir'd him to get a proper Train of Artillery transported to the nearest Place of Rendezvous from Crown Point without delay to be ready for the Execution of this Scheme, & to acquaint the Officers of the Forces of the other Southern Governm^{ts} with what we propose.

M^{r} Shirley will order what Ordnance Stores he can from this Province which are not to be procur'd in the other Governments, & we must desire that

your Honour will provide your Proportion of Powder upon this Occasion.

We are Sir,
Your Honours most Obedient
humble Servants
P WARREN W SHIRLEY.

The hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirley and Admiral Warren Aug^st^ 28 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY AND PETER WARREN.

MILFORD Septemb^r^ 2^d^ 1746

Most worthy Gentlemen

The Scheme you propose in yours of the 25^th^ of the last month is very agreeable to my Sentiments and shall impatiently wait for a Copy of that Authority which his Grace by his Maj^ties^ Comand has signified to M^r^ Shirley will be left to your selves and Lieu^t^ Gen^l^ S^t^ Clair to alter the Scheme containd in the Duke of New Castle's circular Letter

I should exceedingly rejoyce if Providence should so order the matter That the Comissions and Order you referr to, do come, then may we rest securely on his Grace's Declaration about the Expenses

But in Case nothing more should come than what we have already rec^d^ it deserves the most serious Consideration. Whether we can proceed upon it any other way than by the Authority of the several Gov^ts^ thô the Circumstances of the present day seem to make it necessary to proceed on the Scheme you have projected. Yet not withstanding this may leave us without so much to say in favour of a Reimburs-

ment we will freely Joyn with you in making the best we can of it

According to your Desire I have Orderd Coll[l] Williams who is encampd at N London to hold himself with his Regiment in Readiness att the first Notice

M[r] Warrens of y[e] 19 ult[o] I also Rec[d] and shall do according to his Direction y[r]in

I presume to Subscribe my self
Your most faithfull and obedient
humble Servant
JON[TH] LAW

*P. S. I adventure to propose to you and y[e] hon[ble] M[r] Warren some Considerations of what might be worthy of your Meditations in Case the Fleet & Com[ns] should come too late to proceed up y[e] River or should wholly fail upon y[e] first Hypothesis That you would alter y[e] Plann and order y[e] forces raised in N. England to prosecute y[e] Attempts by land making the Undertakings of the Southern forces more effectual and I have been informd by Cap[t] Kellog whom we have appointed a Pilott That an Attack by land may be better carry'd on by Winter Season Advantage than in Sum̄er too many for me now to enumerate

and on the latter by Acts of y[e] Gov[ts] to pursue the like design We may depend upon it that if we sett still att Home That y[e] Enemy will be continually harassing our Borders

If the Expedition up the river should fail on either of y[e] Suppositions our Circumstances would be

* This postscript, written on a separate piece of paper, has been annexed to Law's letter of Aug. 23 to Gurdon Saltonstall. It evidently does not belong there, and its contents seems to show that it is a part of this letter to Shirley and Warren.

very difficult both with our Troops abroad and ourselves att Home And I also believe That a powerfull Army will be more swasive on y^e^ 6 Nations than a 100 Embassadours with y^r^ best Presents. Excuse me Gentlemen in using this fredom

J L

Gov^r^ SHIRLEY and Admiral WARREN.

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley & M^r^ Warren & to Coll^l^ Williams Sept^br^ 2^d^ 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

MILFORD Sept^br^ 2^d^ 1746

*S^r^*

Gov^r^ Shirley and Admiral Warren having projected an Expedition against Crown point have desired me to give you Notice of it and order our Troops to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Albany on the first Notice for which purpose I send these Lines

Given under my hand at time and place above^sd^

JON^TH^ LAW GOV^R^

Coll^l^ ELISHA WILLIAMS

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JONATHAN LAW.

KITTERY Sept^r^ 3^d^ 1746

Honour^ble^ Sir

the reason of my giving you the trouble of this is; that I have heard that there is a report Spread in yo^r^ Government that I refus^d^ to let Maj^r^ Gener^l^ Wolcott see my publick Letter sent to His Grace the Duke of New Castle after y^e^ Reduction of Louisbourg (now there are so many false Storys gooing about

that one cannot tell what to Credit) but if such a thing was reported it is false for it never Enterd into my thoˢ to deny him and to the best of my remembrance, I calld the Council of Warr wᶜʰ consisted of yᵉ Generˡ officers, Collᵒˢ & Leiuᵗ Collᵒˢ and read it to them before I sent it the Majʳ Generˡ was ill for some time when I was very much hurryd & wanted his Assistance

but I am Sure when Ever there was a council of Warr calld and he was a Shore I always sent for him, and Shewᵈ him all yᵉ respect in my power if people will but consider they cannot believe that I Should Show it to the Collᵒˢ & Leiuᵗ Collᵒˢ and refuse it to a General officer; Collᵒ Moore of New Hampshʳ took a copy of it and sent it to Govʳ Wentworth and the Dukes Answer to it, Collᵒ Burr & Collᵒ Lothrop will Acknowledge that they see it, and if the Majʳ General did not see it, it must be his own fault, for he might have had a copy of it at yᵉ Same time to have sent you, to be Sure as I was then so much hurry'd I never thoᵗ of sending it to him Inclosed you have a copy of that Letter (and yᵉ Dukes answer to it) in wᶜʰ I inclosed to the Duke a List of all the officers names that was on the Expedition and number of men Each Government sent; the Majʳ Generals name was put next to my own, and in all the Letters I writ to England as I did to Several Gentlemen of yᵉ Parliment of my Acquaintᶜᵉ and in all my representations I made no difference in the three Colonys that was concernd in the Expedition as my Letters in England will Show, and I chaleng any person to Say whilst I was in the Camp or Citty that ever I made any difference between one Colony & another and I am sure I never did in my Publick Letter as you may see, and I writ in all my private Letters that if the

three Colonys that were concernd in the Expedition was not reimburst the Great Expence they were at in the reduction of Cape Breton, it would so cramp them that they would never be Able to recover them Selves

As to the officers His Majesty has been pleased to intrust me to appoint in the Regiment he has given me the command of, my desire is that Each Colony concernd in the Expedition Shall have their proportion

In a letter I received from His Grace the Duke of New Castle dated 9th April Last he writs that he was Commandd by His Majesty to recommend it to me to Use my Utmost dilligence in compleating my Regiment, and its Expectd that ye Several Govrs of the Colonys will assist therein

I am Greatly obligd to you for ye Encoragemt you have given my recruiting officers wth you and I have no reason to doubt but you will Still continue yor favours to them

I always thot that ye Government of Connedicut in the Expedition against Louisbourg Acted with a Heroick Spirit, and now in the intended Expedition against His Majestys Enemys at Canada there geting a thousand men reddy is a brave thing and must Endeare them to Every true Lover of His nation, for if Providence should so order it, that we could remove that troublesome Neighbour the French from this contenant, I Should be in hopes that we should be a happy people

I hope next spring to take a Voyage for England & if I should be partial in my representation of one Colony more than another that was on ye late Succesful Expedition or brave men on it, then I ought to be censurd but untill that time, they ought to have

a favourable opinion of me, I am conscious to my Self that as Yet, I have Acted in Every part w^th^ Justic

I am with Great Esteem & respects

Honour^ble^ Sir

Your Most obediant Hum^ble^ Serv^t^

WM PEPPERRELL

The Honour^ble^ Gov^r^ Law

[Indorsed] S^r^ W^m^ Pepperill Sep^r^ 3 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

To Coll^l^ Elishah Williams

You are hereby Directed to return and to Order the several Officers under your Coñand to return with y^e^ forces under their Care to the several places from whence they did proceed or some other places where they may be more coñodiously Billeted and may more advantagiously proceed to Albany and y^r^ remain till further Order

Given under my hand att Milford this sixth day of Sept^br^ 1746

JONTH LAW GovR

P S S^r^ You are also hereby directed to order the several Transports to return with y^r^ Stores to y^e^ several ports from whence they went J LAW

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Law's Orders for y^e^ Regiment to Return

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy

London 6 Sept^r^ 1746

To the Hon^ble^ Jon^a^ Law Esq^r^

*S^r^*

Since my last to your Honour by this Conveyance I have been favour'd with 2 more Letters from you of y^e^ 29th May & 10th June in the former

of which you mention to have Sent me Copy of your Instructions to oppose the Bill brought into Parliament for Preventing the Emission of Paper Currency in our American Colonies which Instructions never came to my hands, and as they will be Necessary for my Government in Case that Affair should be Reviv'd, please to order another Copy Together with the Letter that Accompan[d] them to be sent me by the first good Opportunity. One of the Commiss[rs] Books in Masons Case came safe to hand but there is yet no Day Appointed for a Hearing of that Affair. I observe you lay some Stress on y[e] Precedent of a Case between the Town of Boston & Francis, having been Inform'd that the Town prevail'd on a Plea to the Jurisdiction of the King & Council to try Titles of Land in America which I must inform you was not the Cause. Appeals of that Nature being always admitted, & as the Town of Boston had Directed their Agents to rest the Event of that Affair on that Plea, they must have lost their Cause had not the Appellant been Deficient in some other Points. I have at present nothing to add more than Joyning my Congratulations to yours & all that wish well to our King [ ] on the Successes of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland whom Heaven has ordain'd to be the Glorious Instrument of Subduing that Rebellion which had it Succeeded would have been of the most fatal Consequence to the Liberties Civil & Religious not only of this Nation and its Dependencies but of Mankind in General. I Leave you to Judge wither it may not be proper for the Colony to Address his Majesty on this Occasion & am

Yo[r] Hon[rs] & the Colony's
most Faithfull hum[le] Serv[t]
ELIAK[M] PALMER

P S It will be Necessary for the Colony to Send me full Power to Receive the Money whenever there is an order to reimburse the Charges they have been at in y^e^ Expedition against Cape Breton

[Indorsed] Agents Duplicate Sep^r^ 6^th^ 1746 Palmer

SHIP CAPTAIN'S DECLARATION.

On the third of Sep^tr^ 1746 A Ship of ab^t^ 200 Tons was Cast away on the Isle of Sables bound from France to Canada, laden with wine brandy, bale Goods &c She Came out of France in Company with 66 Sail of Ships Eighteen of which were men of Warr 9 of the Line the others Frigats Who She Parted with two Nights before She was Cast away, and that he had then been 100 Days on his Passage, the Fleet Commanded by the Duke D'Anvele this Information is Given by the Second Captain who was Taken off the Isle of Sables by one Dolebear of Marblehead & brought into Louisbourgh the 8^th^ of Sep^br^

Copy Examin^d^

[Indorsed by Law] Second Cap^t^ taken off from Isle of Sables his Declaration

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston Septem^r^ 8, 1746

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 2^d^ instant directed to Admiral Warren & me which I have communicated to him. At your Desire I now send you an Extract of the Clause in the Duke of New Castle's Letter referring to the altering of the Scheme for the Expedition against Canada.

I am sensible (with you) of the great Difficulties

arising in our Affairs for want of further Advices & Instructions from Great Britain; but in this Situation it was generally thought most for his Majesty's Service to undertake the Reduction of the Fort at Crown Point by the joint Forces of all the Colonies: But with respect to this Province, The Designs of a great Number of French from Canada (who are now at Menis, joined with a considerable Body of Indians) to cause a general Revolt of the French Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, which would endanger Annapolis Royal & that whole Country as well as Louisburg itself: This has much embarrassed our Affairs; & seems to make it necessary that a considerable Body of Troops should be sent immediately into Nova Scotia to prevent the Inhabitants there from joining the Canadians & driving those Canadians out of that Country. This Matter is now under the Consideration of Our Assembly; And until I have their Answer of what I have laid before them (which I expect to Morrow) I can't come to any Resolution how to proceed in the Affair of Crown Point, & every day's Delay spends the Season of acting on that Side, I am glad to hear that your Troops are in Such Readiness.

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most
obedient humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Septem^r^ 11^th^ 1746

*S^r^*

Last night I Rec^d^ an express from Coll^o^ Stodard with the Enclosed he setts forth the Dangerous state

of the Frontiers and we have Continually herd Crys for help from our Northwestern Towns

The Comittee have took it into Consideration and Resolved to send 200 men into the Northwestern frontiers to scout from and Guard these Towns and 100 up the River to Join in a scout from thence of this I thought Needfull to acquant your Hon and am

your very Humble servt

R WOLCOTT

The enclosed was taken up at the Rivers (?) of fer (?) Massachusetts

[Indorsed by Law] Dep Govr 7br 1746

J. TOWNSEND AND CHARLES KNOWLES TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY AND PETER WARREN.

Pembroke in LOUISBOURG Harbour
the 11th Sepbr 1746

Gentlemen

By a Prize brought in here by his Majesty's Ship Kinsale the 6th Instant we have Received the following Intelligence.

Antony Rodinguez Master of the La Judith from Rochelle bound to Quebec, Says that on the 22d June N. S. he Sail'd from Rochelle in Company with 70 Sail of Ships, Men of War and Transports, under the Command of the Duke D'Anvile, with 8000 Troops on board, 14 Ships were of the Line, from 50 to 74 Guns; That he Left them on the 15th July in the Latitude of 44 54 & Saw them again the 23d in the Latitude of 41 22. He was Taken by the Kinsale off of Anticosta the 25th august O. S. Since which we have Receiv'd further accounts by a Pilot of a French Ship also bound to Quebec, who Sail'd in the Same Fleet, &

was cast away upon the Isle of Sable the 3d Inst O. S. & brought In here by a Marblehead Fishing boat. This Frenchman Says, he parted with the Above Fleet & the Duke D'Anville in a hard Gale of Wind but 2 Days before he was Cast away about 50 or 60 Leagues from the Isle of Sable, but Cannot tell whither they are Design'd but this he knows, they were very Sickly, & had buried a Great many men. There is also Come in This Day, a Vessell from Marblehead, one Steven master, who Says, that on Sunday Night last, the 7th Instant, about 10 or 11 a Clock, he fell in with 3 Sail of large Ships about 40 Leagues to the westward of a Place Called J'edore, That Soon after he was pass'd them he heard a Gun fired, & presently after that 3 more, which, he says had the Report of very Large Guns Part of these Informations Corroborating, we Judge Them of So much Consequence, to Immediately Dispatch them to You, and at the Same Time Acquaint You, That Admiral Townsend has Sent the Rye to Look into all the Ports Along the Coast of Accadie, & that so Soon as Ever She Returns You Shall be Sure of knowing what further Intelligence we Gain. We are Doing Everything that can Contribute to the Strength of this Place & Shall Unite heartily in its Defence, if the Enemy bend their Course this way, Should they visit you, you may Depend upon our Doing Every Thing in our Powers also to Assist you

we are with great regard
Gentlemen, Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
J. TOWNSEND
CHAS KNOWLES

To his Excl Govr SHIRLEY & Admiral WARREN

Copy Examd

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Sep^{t} 12th 1746

Hon^{ble} S^{r}

This Comes to acquaint your Houn^{r} that the Coñitt^{e} of Warr at Hartford have thought it needfull to send 300 men from this Coloney Into the County of Hampshier, to Scout and Garrison there for Some time, the Enemy are often Seen and have killed and taken many, I suppose your Hon^{r} hath heard of the french & Indians distroying fort Massechusets burnt it all down, and have taken all the Inhabitants prisoners except one or two that they killed, before they Surrendered and Co^{ll} Stoddard writes to us that he Expects, a much greater blow in a Short time, unless Some thing further be done to prevent it he Saith the Enemy are flusht with there Success and are very bold, and it is Observed they go in large Companeys; at the takeing of the afore s^{d} fort it is said they had 6 or 7 hundred, the Comitte have ordered 50 out of Co^{ll} Whitings Regement 50 out of Co^{ll} Wells Regement 50 out of Co^{ll} Wadsworth 50 out of Co^{ll} Minors 50 out of Co^{ll} Eealles, and 50 out of Co^{ll} Hills Regiment, Co^{ll} Eealles men and Co^{ll} Hills are to make one Company and Co^{ll} Ealles to Nominate a Captain & Co^{ll} Hill y^{e} Lieu^{t}, and Co^{ll} Hall to Nomenate a Captain & Co^{ll} Minor a Lieu^{t}, and hear is no blanks to fill up for y^{e} Comission Officers, it is therefore thought best to desier your Houn^{r}, to Order Some person at Millford to draw them, and your Houn^{r} to Sign & Seal y^{m} and Send them to the Co^{ll} that appoint the Officers, and the officers that Shall go from these parts; if your Houn^{r} will please to Send Some blanks by this bearer I will take Care that they Shall be filled up for y^{e} persons that are

Appointed Comission officers; I shall not further Add but Remain your Honr^s^ most Obediant Humble Serv^t^

NATH^LL^ STANLY

To the Honble JONATH LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Stanlys Sep^t^ 13^th^ 1746

NATHANIEL STANLEY TO SAMUEL HILL.

To Coll: Sam^ll^ Hill Greeting

S^r^ The Committee of War at Hartford having thought it needful to Send Three Hundred Men from this Colony into the County of Hampshier to Scout & Garrison there for the Security of those People they being in great fear of the Enemy.

These are therefore in his Majestys Name to Require you forthwith to Inlist or Impress fifty able Bodyed Effective Men out of your Regiment and See that they be well fixed with Arms Amunition & a blanket, and you are to Appoint a Lieu^t^ for them, And Coll. Eels is Ordered to Raise the Like Number in his Regiment and to appoint a Captain for the whole and they are to be Commissioned by the Gov^r^ and forthwith to March to North Hampton and there Observe the Orders of Coll: Stoddard for the Guarding the Towns and Scouting as there shall be Occasion.

℔ NATH^L^ STANLEY CLERK

HARTFORD Sep^r^ 12^th^ 1746

JOHN CHAMPION'S DECLARATION.

BOSTON Sept^br^ 13 1746

John Champion Declares that he was Pilott on board the Sloop Molly whereof Hugh Thornton is master Coming from Trepasse in Newfoundland bound

for Piscataqua & that on the Second of this Instant Sept^br^ on their Passage about half an hour after five a Clock in the afternoon about ten Leagues to the Southward & Ten Leagues to the Westward of the Isle Sable by his Judgment & Reckoning he saw thirty one Sail of Vessels under Sail Standing to the Northward, the Wind then being at East North East, having their Starboard Tacks on board and many of the Vessels he took to be large Ships, the two Sternmost of them he is Certain were Ships, & was between four & five miles Distance of them, According to his best Judgment

JOHN CHAMPION

Suffolk ss Boston Sep^br^ 13^th^ 1746

M^r^ John Champion made oath to the above Declaration Signed by him

Before me JACOB WENDELL Just Pace

Copy Examin^d^

HUGH THORNTON'S DECLARATION.

The Declaration of Capt. Hugh Thornton Master of the Sloop Fanny Relating to a Fleet he met with at Sea.

On Saturday the 31^st^ August at 4 o'Clock Afternoon P. M. he saw about Thirty Sail of Vessels about fifteen of which his People at the Masthead reported to be large Ships and that they counted Thirty two, & thought that the Fleet consisted of a greater Number, two of which the said Captain weather'd about a League & a half, the whole Fleet standing to the Northward, Wind E. N. E. Distance to the Westward about fifteen Leagues from the Isle of Sables, Latitude

43 & 50 at 12 o'Clock, None of the Ships show any Colours.

Portsmouth Sept^br 14^th 1746 — Sworn before his Excellency the Governour.

HUGH THORNTON

Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secry

SAMUEL HILL TO JONATHAN LAW.

GUILFORD Sept^t y^e 15^th : 1746

May it pleas yo^r Hon^r

Underneath is a Copy* of y^e order I Rec^d on Satterday night Last. Persuant to which I have Sent orders to y^e Several Captains in my Regiment, and Expect their Quotas of Men will be here Ready to march next wednesday Morning. I Pray yo^r Hon^l would Send me a blank Commission for a Lieu^t and Let me know if y^e Soldiers ought to be furnished with Horses I am

Yo^r Hon^rs Most Humb^ll
Obed^t Serv^t
SAM^LL HILL

To Gov^r LAW

[Superscribed] To JONATHAN LAW Esq^r Gov^r At Milford Pur W^m Leete

JONATHAN LAW TO JOSIAH STARR.

To Josiah Starr Cap^t of one of the Companies raisd for his Maj^ties Service Against Canada

You are hereby Directed to proceed with the Company under your Coñand, to ffairfield and there to

* See under date of Sept. 12.

lodge y^r^ Arms in some convenient and safe place and then give your Souldiers and those under your Com-and, a Furlow for one month and then to return and wait for further Orders

Given under my hand att Milford this 15^th^ day of Septemb^r^ A. D. 1746

JON^TH^ LAW Gov^R^

The like order given to Coll^l^ Williams & y^e^ rest of y^e^ Officers

[Indorsed] Copy of an Order to Cap^t^ Starr Sept^br^ 15^th^ 1746

WILLIAM STANWOOD'S DECLARATION.

William Stanwood of Glocester Marriner and Master of the Schooner Molly of Glocester declareth and Saith that upon Tuesday the 9^th^ of Septem^r^ at ab^t^ 9 a Clock at Night being upon the Western Bank of the Isle of Sables about Twenty Leauges distant from the said Isle Westerly and lying to under his Foresail he came athwart a large Ship, which he supposes to be a Man of War of about 70 Guns and before he discovered her he almost came athwart her yards; Whereupon the Declarant called to the Men on board the said Ship to bear away, and told them if they did not they would Run him down, & then they bore away a little, some Men on board said Ship called to him in broken English Saying, strike you Dog strike, at which Time he heard the People on board speak to one another in a Language w^ch^ he Did not understand, & he was sure it was not English, he being near enough to distinguish, whereupon the declarant immediately Sprung his Luff, and then they fired upon him (as he Supposes from a Swivel Gun) but mak^g^ all his Sail he

got clear of said Ship, after which he Saw a great Number of Topsail Vessells w^th^ lights, and others without Lights, all Standing to the Northw^d^ under an easy Sail, which lights he endeavoured to count, & judges the Number of them to be about Twenty five; One Ship he Saw with a Light in her Main Top And he further saith that about a Quarter of an hour before he saw the first Ship he was in Company with a Schooner belonging to Glocester, who lay up the same Course with him, & being about three Quarters of a Mile to Leeward, the Declarant Supposes she fell into the Midst of the Fleet and was taken by them, He having not seen her since.

WILLIAM STANWOOD

Sworn before his Excellency the Governor & Council the fifteenth of September 1746

Attest J WILLARD Secry

Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secry

[Indorsed by Law] W^m^ Stanwoods Declaration

RENE HET'S DECLARATION.

NEW YORK ss

Rene Het of the City of New york March^t^ being duly Sworn on y^e^ holy Evangelist of almighty God Deposeth & Saith, That in Conversation with one Lewis Simon Cap^t^ of a French Prize lately brot into this Harbour, and had learnt y^t^ y^e^ French Fleet under y^e^ Command of y^e^ Marquiss D'Anvile was Desin'd on an Expedition against Newfoundland and Cape Breton w^e^ Consisted of 26 Ships of Warr & forty Transports, on board of which were fifteen Thousand land forces & all Sorts of Implements of Warr for a Siege, That all y^e^ frence Prisoners Sent from Cape Breton, per-

ticularly Morcpaug were imbarked on board that Fleet

That Admiral Comflaus at Petigauvus Some Time in July last, three Days before y^e^ s^d^ Simon left that Place, rec^d^ a Packet from y^e^ Court of France with Directions for him y^e^ Said Comflaus as Soon as he had Convoyed a Fleet of Merchantmen to Cape Francois to proceed to a certain Latitude to open his further orders, and upon Recp^t^ of y^t^ Packet M^r^ Comflaus took out of y^e^ Merchantmen all y^e^ Masters and Pilots acquainted with North America & gave others in their room, one of which was brot into New York with y^e^ Prize, who Confirms y^e^ Same Acc^t^

RENE HET

Sworn this 15^th^ Sep^t^ 1746 before

JAMES DE LANCY
DAN^L^ HORSMONDEN

That among That Fleet were Some Spanish Ships and out of which all y^e^ Spaniards were Sent away and french officers and Men put on board.

Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secretary

CAPTAIN TOWNLEY'S STATEMENT.

Tuesday September the 16^th^ 1746

Spake with Captain Townley of his Maj^s^ Sloop Hinchenbrook who gave Captain Craven & me the Following Account being off Cape Tambara (?) he Saw Thirty Sail twelve of w^ch^ he Says were Capital Ships four whereof Chac'd him Some time, but three o'em left off Chace, & one Continued 'till Seven O'Clock this Morning and Stood in N:W The whole Fleet as he believes Stood in for Chebucto, or Lehave Wherefore having Pacquets for Admiral Warren &

Governour Shirley, I thought it most Proper to make the best of my way for Boston with the Consent and Advice of my Officers.

P. ROBERTSON
JN° PONALDSON
JAM^{s} COALT

Copy Exam'd

LIST OF FRENCH SHIPS.

A List of the Ships with the Duke D'Anvile According to the Information of the French prisoners

Le Northumberland	70	
Le Mars	70	
Le Trydon	70	
Le Ardent	70	
Le Leopard	70	
Le Bone	64	
Le Mercure	64	
Le Argonaute	60	
Le Tiyre	54	
Le Caribou	54	
Le Perfect	50	
Le Prince of Orange	40	
Le Gironde	40	
Le Renome	36	
Le Bristoll	30	
Two Fireships	50	Each we Concieve men is meant

Five or six other Ships of the line from Toulon, whose Names they know not.

Copy Exam'd

JOSHUA HASKELL'S DECLARATION.

Joshua Haskell of Glocester Master of the fishing Schooner Happy Return declares & Says, that on Wednesday the 10th of September instant at about four a Clock in the afternoon being between Margarets Bay & La have on the Cape Sable Shoar, I discovered about 30 Sail of Topsail Vessells at about 6 or 7 miles distant from us, and about ten Leagues to the Westward of Jebucto, standing in with the Land close hal'd by the Wind, which was then at about East North East, Two of the Ships were the largest that I ever saw, I could not perceive any Colours on board any of them The Sternmost Ship gave us Chase under our Lee for about an hour, but at Sunset we saw her standing to the Fleet again.

And he further Saith that on Tuesday the 16 instant being then about 45 Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Ann he Saw a Ship (of about 40 or 50 Guns as he Judges) with a Flag at her Maintopmast head standing towards Cape Sables, the Wind then at about East.

JOSHUA HASKELL

Suffolk ss. BOSTON Septemr 19: 1746.

Mr Joshua Haskell made Oath to the truth of the above Declaration Signed by him.

Before me JACOB WENDELL Justice of the peace

Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secry

[Indorsed] Joshua Haskell's Declaration 1746 Suppose Monsr D'Anville's Fleet

LAWRENCE PAYNE'S DECLARATION.

Captain Lawrence Pain arriv'd here this Evening in a Flag of Truce Twenty days passage, Deposeth that he was at Cape Francois one of the Ports of Hyspaniola, after he was ready to sail he was detain'd six weeks, Occasiond by the Expectation of a Fleet of Ships from France w^ch^ arriv'd there sometime before he sail'd, after their Arrival the four French men of Warr who Convoy'd them sail'd for the Northward four Days before his Departure to Join the Brest Fleet and others from Rochford w^ch^ sail'd from those Ports the twentieth of June last, The aforesaid Fleet consisted of Eighteen men of Warr & forty large Transport Ships, with a large Number of Land Forces & warlike Stores designd for Cape Breton & if the Season of the year proves too late, then their Design is for Boston.

Also before he sail'd about twenty Days a Ship arriv'd with a Packet or Express from the Fleet to the Governour of that Place to give Notice of their Design.

NEWPORT Sept: 19^th^ 1746

LAWRENCE PAYNE

P. S The said Fleet being about half way on their Passage when the Ship left 'em w^ch^ was ab^t^ the Last of July.

Colony of Rhode Island September 19^th^ 1746

Captain Lawrence Payn appear'd before me & made Solemn Declaration of the Truth aforesaid.

JOS: WHIPPLE Dep.. Governour.

Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secry

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Sep^r 21 1746

Sir,

I send this by Express to your Honour to Acquaint you of the great Danger this province is in of an Immediate Invasion from the French as you will Judge by the Inclosed Declarations, You will find the Strength of the Enemy to be very great both by Sea & Land; and as we have always had the Concurrence of your Government with this in promoting every thing for the Public good, I do now with the Advice of his Majestys Council of this Province earnestly desire that you would Assist us in this Exigency & have Eight or Ten Thousand Men well armed immediately ready to March to our Assistance upon the first Intelligence you may have of the Enemy's being upon us, and we expect this not only from the Publick Spirit you have always shown but also from the Principle of Self Preservation; for if this Province should(?) fall into the Enemy's hand's yours could not stand long after it.

I am Sir,

Your Honours most Obedient
humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The hon^ble Gov^r LAW

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Sir,

I herewith send you Copies of divers Declarations referring to the Designs of the French & the Appearance of a great Fleet upon the Coast of Nova Scotia, which we must judge to be an Enemy. I have likewise enclosed a Copy of my Letter to Governor Laws

on this Occasion to desire Assistance from your Governm^{t} in our dangerous Case, And in this Matter we have great Confidence in your Goodness & Activity

Your most humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

BOSTON Septem^{r} 21. 1746

Please to forward my Lett^{r} to Gov. Laws with all possible Speed.

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON Sept^{r} 23: 1746

S^{r}

I have Just now come to hand a Packet directed to Your Hon^{r} and one from His Excellency Gov^{r} Shirley To my Self Inclosing a number of Declarations taken on Oath before him & others, that a Large fleet of Ships has been lately Seen to the Eastward near the Isle of Sable & Standing toward the Land, by which they in that Governm^{t} are greatly alarmed, and in fear of an Immediate Invasion as appears by His Excellencys Letter To me in w^{c} he by the advice of his Council Ernestly desires that the proper dispositions may be made in this Colony to come with Eight or Ten Thousand men to their assistance upon the first Intelligence that we may have of the Enemys being upon them. I communicated these matters of Such of the Council as are with me & Some other Gentlemen of Consequence that are here and all Seemed to be of the mind that Your Hon^{r} Should be desired Immediately to give orders for Strict Viewing of arms in all the Regiments in this Colony & that the Chief officers thereof be Directed to make a Detachment of the one half of their most Effective & able bodied men to be ready to march at

an hours warning, the Enemy are advanced very near us & their Strength Seems to be great for w^e^ reason Your Honour will Excuse our being very Ernest that the matter may be attended to without Delay, I have presumed to open the packet Directed to Your Honour which youl Excuse Seeing it was done with no other view than that your Honour Should have the Declarations Sent to me in case y^y^ had not been Inclosed to you.

I am S^r^ Your most Obed^t^ Hum^le^ Ser^t^

ROGER WOLCOTT

P S. The Gentlemen with me are also desirous that y^e^ Col^o^ of the Reg^t^ Raised for the Expedition against Canada have orders to have his Reg^t^ ready to march at an hours warning according to such orders as he may rec^e^ from Your Hon^r^ R W

To y^e^ Hon^abl^ Jonath Law Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Wolcotts 7^br^ 25^th^ 1746

ANDREW BURR TO JONATHAN LAW.

Fairfield Septem^r^ 23^d^: 1746

*Hon^rd^ S^r^*

The Transports are Returned with y^e^ soldiers from Newlondon and have been here some time I should be Glad to be directed what to do with them & the provisions, whither It would not be best to dismiss y^e^ Transports from y^e^ service seeing y^e^ time is so spent that there Can be no prospects of Going to Canada by water. I leave to y^r^ Hon^r^. I should Think it would be best to send y^e^ Provisions to Market Especially y^e^ flower And y^e^ Greatest part of Pork & all y^e^ Beef. I would submit to y^r^ Hon^rs^ better Judgment and should be Glad to be directed

and in y^e^ Mean Time I am with Great Respect y^r^ Hon^rs^ Most Obedient

Hum^le^ Serv^t^

AND^W^ BURR

[Superscribed] To The Honb^le^ JONATH^N^ LAW Esq^r^ Gover^r^ at Milford ℔ M^r^ Smedley

[Indorsed] Coll^l^ Andrew Burr Sep^t^ 23 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

To Coll^l^ Elisha Williams or in his Absence to Lieu^t^ Coll^l^ Sam^l^ Talcott In his Maj^ties^ Name

You are hereby strictly Coñanded forthwith on sight hereof to take proper measures for recalling your Regiment to y^e^ places from whence they were allowd to depart on a Furlow and to have them in a Readiness to remove att an hours warning to such place or places as they shall be orderd in Defence of his Maj^ties^ Subjects against a threattend Invasion of our french Enemies

Given under my hand this 25^th^ day of Sept^mber^ A D 1746 and 20^th^ year of King George y^e^ 2^d^

JON^TH^ LAW GOV^R^

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD 7^br^ 25 1746

S^r^

About two o Clock I rec^d^ your Letter &c by your Son I iñediatly dispatch Orders by him that way have also sent to the Westward and expect to send to the Nortward and also w^th^ this to y^e^ Eastward tomorrow morning. I doubt we have brôt an old house

on our Heads but god deliver us may we be prepared for so great a Mercy

I had just orderd y^e^ Stores to be unloaded &c and y^e^ Souldiers to have a furlow till thirteenth of next month and Coll^l^ Williams designd for Boston I have directed that they be recalld &c. with due Regards to your self and y^e^ rest I Subscribe

Your humble Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

Gov^r^ WOLCOTT

[Superscribed] On his Maj^tles^ Service To y^e^ hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^r^ att New London

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Law Sep^r^ 25 1746

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH^ HAMPTON Sept^br^ 26, 1746

S^r^

Yours of the 10^th^ Instant I Rec^vd^ and I take this Oppertunity to acknowledge that you have been much better to us in Ordering a number of men into the frontiers than our own Government to whom I have sent very Pressing Letters, but have not so Much as Receiv^d^ one Line from Boston for about three weeks, their Conduct has been Marvelous Strange. I have been told that they had Projected to send 500 of the Troops Enlisted for the Expedition, but all seems to be dropped and they are caring for themselves.

Cap^t^ Treat and his men are with us, he seems to be a Prudent and Careful Officer, his men are Posted for the Present, 50 at N^th^ Hampton, 20 at Hatfield, and 30 at Deerfield, and twenty of Cap^t^ Hobsons men removed from thence to Northfield, which I thought necessary till our Scouts were fixed.

many of our Sick Souldiers are Recovered and

returned to the Block Houses, and I have Directed that a small Scout be Constantly maintained from Fort Pellham, and to Cross the Road that leads from Deerfield to Albany & to go a little wide from the place where fort Masschusetts Stood, and Westwardly two or three Miles, one of which Scouts was to go from Pellham on Wednesday last, we have lately had divers other Scouts but none that I so much depend on as the beforementioned.

I have Sent an Express to Capt Wright at Stockbridge and tell him that at present I am most Sollicitous about a Scout that I propose to go Northward from Stockbridge to a suitable distance from thence, then to send 5 or 6 men English and Indians to travail Eastwardly 'till they had Crossed the afores^d^ road but a little way, and another small Party Westward so far as shall be Judged necessary, but being a Stranger to the Country Westward from Hoosuck, I could not direct very particularly how far they should go.

thus far I thought necessary 'till you should explain your self on an Expression in your Letter, wherein you mention the maintaining a large Scout from Stockbridge. I was in doubt whether you designed fifty or sixty men or more to March together or that they should have many Small Parties ranging in different parts of the woods.

If your design be to try to catch Indians a considerable number of men may be needful, but if only to make discovery a smal number may be preferable, because they can be more private & will be more Careful.

I have given Caution both Ways that they don't mistake each others for Enemies, but I dont expect that they will often see one another, and Indeed I

don't chuse they should, least they should hurt each other.

'tis very Evident from the great fear that has possessed the minds of men upon the loss of fort Massachusetts, of what Consequence they Esteemed that fortress to be. and if Crown Point should be likely to remain long in the hands of the french it seems altogether necessary that that should be rebuilt, and well man^d for the loss of it has made a wide passage, and given the Enemy a vast advantage against most of our frontiers.

If the Canadeans are knowing of a french fleet coming to our Country, no doubt but they will make some Strong Effort on the land side, which I am the more Suspicious off because they have been Spying about our Towns, and have rarely attempted to kill any Persons, whereby they seem designed to lull us into Security, and of late they seem to have been almost wholly quiet which makes us thoughtful that they are forming some notable design.

you have a great number of men Enlisted for the Expedition who must be fed and paid, and it is as easy to do it on the frontiers as elsewhere, and the Employing them in some Service that is profitable may be a means to keep them out of Mischief. therefore I think it would be of great Service to the Publick, and a kindness to the men to send 500 of them into the frontiers, which may enable us to make a good defence, and render us Capable of pursuing the Enemy with prospect of destroying them in Case they should make a discent on any of our Towns.

I am S^r your very Humble Servant

JOHN STODDARD

Gov^nr WOOLCOTT

I see no hopes at present of any assistance from our Government, because they are in fear of a french fleet.

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO RICHARD LESTOCK.

(Quadruplicate)

BOSTON Sep^tbr 27^th 1746

Sir

The public prints from England Giving us The pleasing hopes that you with a Strong fleet of his Majesty's Ships, and a Number of Troops, was to Sail for these Seas about the beginning of last month from Spithead, in quest of the french fleet, of whose motions and Designs we Send you the Inclos'd Depositions, and Several Pilotts for the Coast of Nova Scotia, and Louisbourg, one of Which places we Apprehend the Enemy intend to Attack and from their Situation when last Seen off the Harbour of Chebucto near Cape Samborough, it Seems most likely that the Reduction of the Garrison of Annapolis is the first thing they have in View, as by that means they will Immediately add five or Six thousand Nova Scotians fighting men, to any other Force they may have brought there from France, Canada or Elsewhere: This will be the most politick part they can act in order to their Retaking Louisbourge, and annoying his Majesty's American Dominions in General. If they Aim at Annapolis and do not Venture up the Bay of Fundy, and into the Bason, it is most Probable they will land their Cannon and Troops at Chebucto, a fine harbour which lyes very Convenient for the inhabitants of Menis, and those of the head of the Bay of Fundy who will Immediately Joyn the

Enemy upon So good a prospect of taking our Garrison at Annapolis. Should your landfall be to the westward of the Isle of Sables, with very little loss of Time you may See the harbour of Chebucto which 'tis thought is the Rendezvous of the Enemys Fleet. Governour Shirley has Sent out Several Vessells to Observe their Motions and Waits impatiently for their Return; He has made all the Necessary Preparations to Give 'em a Reception that wont be very agreable to them if they Shou'd Come this way, & has Sent a Reinforcement of Troops to Anapolis.

M^r^ Warren previous to our Knowledge of the French Fleets being in these Seas, upon M^r^ Mascarreens Representation that the Inhabitants of Menis had Stop'd the Communication between that place and Annapolis, which was a Sufficient Reason to him (M^r^ Mascarreen) to Apprehend Some Designs were forming against it, Sent the Chester to give it Countenance and protection, and we hope, as the Shirley Frigate is also there together with the Reinforcement before mention'd they will (if the French do not Venture their Ships into the bason of Annapolis) be able to Defend it against the land forces, till Your Arrival may Relieve them.

As M^r^ Warren has now no Ship to Joyn you, which he hopes, and Expects to have orders to do, he begs, if you meet this Vessell, that you may Dispatch any Small Frigate to him for that purpose, and he will, without a Moments loss of time, wait upon you where you Shall please to Direct: He has wrote to Admiral Townsend, for one, whom with Governour Knowles, we have also appriz'd of the Enemy's being in their Neighbourhood; & by Letters from Louisbourg of the 6^th^ Instant we learn that the Following Ships were then in Port, and we believe are Still

there to wit the Kingston, Pembroke, Canterbury, Norwich, Hampshire, Dover, Kinsale, Alborough, Rye, Hind & Hinehenbrook; the Vigilant, and Torrington were gone to Newfoundland to Convoy the Trade from thence to Portugal, and England but will not Sail from thence we believe 'till the Latter End of October.

We are in very little pain about Louisbourg, the Season being So far Advanc'd that the Enemy cant keep the field to Beseige it Regularly, nor Can their Ships if Superior to ours in force there, keep the Seas much Longer upon that Coast —— we have Recommended to M^r^ Townsend to Send Some of the Small Cruizers to meet you with Pilott, and hope this Vessell or some of the Admirals will be so fortunate, as we look upon it to be of the Greatest Consequence, to his Maj^tyes^ Service, that you Should be appriz'd of the Enemys Situation, and have People that know the Coast, which is what Induces us to give you this Trouble:

We are with Great Regard Sir
Y^r^ Most Obidient
Humble Servants
P WARREN
W SHIRLEY

P. S. The Comet Bomb was Seen about twelve Days ago off the Cape Sable Shore in her way to Louisbourg from Antegua

The Hon^ble^ Admiral LESTOCK

[Indorsed by Law] Shirley & Warren to Lestock Quadruplicate.

JONATHAN LAW TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

MILFORD Septem^{r} 28th 1746

S^{r}

The following are Copies of orders given to Cap^{t} Starr Cap^{t} Wooster and Cap^{t} Hall and you Sir, are to take y^{e} same for Instructions to your Self and to Give to y^{e} Rest of y^{e} officers under your Command viz

To Cap^{t} E: H: Gentleman—

You are hereby Directed and Impowred to Impress or Contract for on y^{e} Colonys Account half a pound of powder & two pound of bullets (viz) Procure Such a Quantity of Lead as will be sufficient to make two pounds of bullets fitt for each man Gunn and half a Dozen of flints for each man, and to Take of any of y^{e} Commissaries in your way such a Quantity of bread and other Provisions as you shall Judge Necessary on your March, and y^{e} severall Commissaries are hereby Ordered to Deliver it out to you or your Order, The Ammunition when fitted you are Directed to keep secure till you shall have further Orders to March; And then furnish your men therewith in y^{e} Mean while you are to billet According to former Order; Given under my hand at Milford Sep^{r} 28th A D 1746, in y^{e} 20th year of y^{e} Reign of our Sovereign Lord George y^{e} second King &c,

And S^{r} with Respect to y^{e} Commissions I shall take Care y^{t} Commissions be prepared with all possible Expedition to be sent to you with Orders for your March when Ever you shall have Orders to March on any Occasion whatsoever

JONTH LAW GOV^{R}

To Coll ELISHA WILLIAMS at Wethersfield

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of Orders to Coll^{l} Elisha Williams Sept^{br} 28 1746

WILLIAM SHIRLEY AND PETER WARREN TO RICHARD LESTOCK.

(Triplicate)

BOSTON Sept^br 29^th 1746

Sir

Herewith you will Receive a Duplicate of our Letter and Intelligence of the 27^th Instant, Since which we have receiv'd the inclos'd letter and advice of the French Fleet from Admiral Townsend and Governour Knowles, to which we beg leave to Refer, and to Assure you that we apprehend it of so Great importance to His Majesty's Service, and to your Success with the Fleet under your Command that we have Dispatch'd three Vessels to meet you with it. We have Letters from M^r Mascarreen Gov^r of Annapolis Dated the 21^st Instant, by which we find the Chester, and Shirley Frigate were there, and we hope ere this the Reinforcement of Troops Sent by Gov^r Shirley: and as the French have not in So long a time as from the 30^th of August when they were first Discovered upon the Coast of Nova Scotia, to the 21^st Instant (the Date of M^r Mascarreens Letter) made any attempt with Ships upon Annapolis, it may be Most Naturally Supposed, that they Intend to do it by land from the Harbour of Chebucto; But how to Account for this Cruizing off that place we are at a Loss, Unless it be upon a Supposition that they are Strong Enough to Encounter the Squadron and Troops Intended for the Canada Expedition, not Dreaming of the Addition that has been made to both, Since the Ministry have been apprized of the Brest fleets being Destin'd to these Seas: God Grant the Enemy may Split upon this Rock and fall into your hands.

The Ships mention'd in our first were all at Louisbourge with Admiral Townsend the 14^th Instant,

when the Hind left that place, & will no Doubt be Kept there, as he knows the Enemys force and Situation: — Mr Warren is Cleaning the Hind (who brought us the last Intelligence) in Order to Joyn you upon the first Notice of your Arrival in these Seas, or to Employ her as a Scout, but hopes you will if you meet this Send a light frigate for him.

As we Send Severall Vessells to meet you with this Intelligence, we have Directed the masters upon Seeing you to hoist their Jacks at their Mastheads to which (after having Seen the first) you will be pleas'd to Answer, by a Dutch Ensign at your Foretop Gallant Masthead

We are with great Regard Sir
Yr Most Obedient
Humble Servants
W SHIRLEY
P WARREN

The Honble Admiral LESTOCK

[Indorsed by Law] Shirley & Warren to Admiral Lestock

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Septr 29th 1746

Sir

The packet you will herewith receive, which we transmit to you open for your perusal, will show you the strength and situation of the French fleet, and what steps we have taken to apprize Admiral Lestock of them, who may be daily expected on the coast of Nova Scotia or Cape Breton. We have sent all the Vessells we cou'd possibly get here with copies of the said letters, and intelligence, and are

of opinion you cant do your King and Country a more important, and acceptable service, than by sending your Colony Sloop with the utmost dispatch with this packet to meet the said Admiral. And as we have several other vessells looking out for him, we apprehend the best route your Sloop can take will be by going round the South end of Georges bank, and run in the latitude of 43, 'till she gets to the Eastward and Southward, about twenty leagues, of the Island of Sables, and cruize there five or six days in the fair track for ships expected from England, that intend to go to the Southward of the above Island, and make the land of Nova Scotia to the westward of the said Isle of Sables, which our fleet will most probably do; and after having cruiz'd there so long, and not meeting the fleet, then to stretch to the Eastward, as far as the point of Scattezee, upon the East part of Cape Breton, and proceed to Louisbourg, and from thence bring what intelligence and commands the Admiral and Governour may have to us here, if of great importance, or to you if otherwise. If your Captain shou'd see our fleet, and they shall have met any of our expresses, the Admiral will upon your vessels hoisting his Jack or Ensign at his Masthead, hoist a Dutch one at his fore top Gallant Masthead, but if he shou'd not have met any he may possibly hoist a Dutch Jack at his Main top Gallant Mast head, and a Spanish one at the Fore, either of which Signals your Captain may trust to, with proper caution. And shou'd your Sloop meet any of our expresses, they will hoist their Jack, or Ensign, at their Mast heads, which your Vessell will answer with the same signal; and you will direct your Captain in case of his being taken by the Enemy, to distroy your order to him, and the packet,

as their falling into the Enemy's hands wou'd be of the worst consequence.

We are with great regard Sir
Yr Most Obedient
humble Servants
P WARREN W SHIRLEY

P. S. We esteem it of the last consequence to the Colonies that Admiral Lestock shou'd be met with at Sea, as in case he shou'd be too weak to cope with ye Enemy, without the assistance of Admiral Townsend, and be surpriz'd and overpowered by 'em the storm of their whole force wou'd be immediately directed towards New England; Wherefore we hope we may depend absolutely upon your sending out your Colony sloop with the inclos'd dispatches forthwith.

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley & Warren Octobr 3d 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Septbr 30 1746

Sr

Yours of ye 21st Instant I recd and imediately sent forth Orders to ye Colls of every Regiment to cause a strict view of Arms and to detach ye one half of the able bodied men under their Coñand to hold ym selves in a readiness at an hour's warning

As also To Coll Williams to be ready on the first Notice and he is sending forth his Orders to recall his men to whom he had just given a furlow till the 13th of next month.

We have a Report here That by a Vessell from Louisbourg to Rhoadisland an Act is there given under Oath That ye British Fleet are arrivd there,

if it be true you have it before this time, I can only wish it may be so.

I have as yet orderd but ½lb of powder and 2ll of bulletts to a man hearing its plenty wth you and scarce with us

I pray God fill the hearts of his people with Courage and Resolution and Yours with Council and Conduct. I wrote to you on the 17th Instant to wch I Refer and Subscribe

Yr Excellency Humble Servant
JONTH LAW

Govr Shirley

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys 7br 25 1746 and copy of a Letter to him 7br 30 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO GURDON SALTONSTALL.

Milford Octobr 4th 1746

Sr

I herewith send you by an Express an Order to Capt Burnham to proceed with all possible Dispatch on a Cruize in Quest of a ffleet expected att Louisbourg under ye Coñand of Admiral Lestock or other Admiral or Captain of any of his Majties Shipps shewing the State and Situation of ye Brest Squadron as also a Copy of a Letter to me from Mr Shirley & Mr Warren recoñending ye Measures to be taken to which I referr the Captain for his Direction. I have not seald the Paquett that seeing the Importance of ye Affair you may with greater Application make ye necessary preparations for such an Undertaking which I hereby desire and direct you to do.

Coll Fitch &c informd me She was out on a Cruise and that ye Capt had been sick and putt on Shore some where. if She be not returned and you

understand She lyes in Port any where you will send the Orders to her if you think her fitt to proceed otherwayes to send for her Home that She may be fitted

JONᵀᴴ LAW

Collˡ Saltonstall or Jer: Miller Esqʳ

[Indorsed] Copies of Letters to Govʳ Shirley and Warren and to Collˡ Saltonstall Octobʳ 6 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY AND PETER WARREN.

Milford Octobʳ 6 1746

Gentlemen

I recᵈ your Paquett by yᵉ last Post and have sent it by Mʳ Baldwin yᵉ Bearer hereof to N London with an Order to the Capᵗ of our Sloop to proceed with it with all possible Dispatch and have given him yᵉ Directions contained in your Letter to me but having been informd he was out on a Cruise I have directed Collˡ Saltonstall That in Case he be Returnd to fitt him out with all possible Speed but if he understands him to be in any Port imediately to send to him yᵉ Paquett and my Order to proceed if he thinks him prepared for such a Cruise otherwayes to return that he may be fitted. the Bearer hereof will be able to inform whether the Sloop be returned to N London

I should be glad you would take yᵉ Opportunity of this Express to give me any further Advices specially since our Assembly will meet this week. and take leave to Subscribe

Your Excellencies
humble, obedient Servant
JONᵀᴴ LAW

Govʳ Shirley Admiral Warren

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Octo^{r} 27, 1746

Sir,

I have receiv'd a Letter from Brig^{r} Gen^{l} Dwight (who commands one of the Regim^{ts} rais'd by me for the Expedition against Canada) wherein he complains that 20 of Capt. Brentnals Soldiers Inhabitants of your Colony (who belong to his Regim^{t}) have withdrawn themselves from the service by Persuasions or violent Detentions of their Friends; & that others have had sham Actions brought agst them to keep them from their Duty, that the Mob has rescued these Soldiers out of the hands of their Officers: & that the Magistrates in your Colony, instead of assisting my Officers by their Authority, as they ought to have done, have made a downright Opposition to his Majesty's Interest in this Point; and that divers other Men enlisted in your Colony under Lieu^{t} Lamson & Lieu^{t} Whiting are under the same Circumstances; all w^{ch} Men he says will be lost to his Majesty without your special Interposition; I must therefore earnestly desire and insist upon your Honours applying your own Authority for the effectual remedying of this great Evil, as a Duty owing to his Majesty, as well as an Act of Justice to this Governm^{t}, & what I am sure you would expect from me were our Circumstances in this Point interchanged; in which Case I am as sure I should think it highly reasonable to interpose my Authority for your Redress. You will please to send me an Answer as soon as you can. I am sending round all our Stores to Albany for the Expedition against the Fort at Crown Point

I am Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

P S As to the Proportion of Cloathing as I don't know the exact Number of men rais'd I can't tell it precisely; but if two thirds of your Men are cloath'd by the Governm^{t} it will do, & the Remainder may receive their Money in lieu of it*

The honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

As I am drinking the Waters of this place for the recovery of my health & have not been favour'd wth any Letter from Yo^{r} Hon^{r} since my last I can only inform you that I understand M^{r} Mason has present^{d} a Petition to his Majesty from the Moheagan Indians Coppy of w^{ch} will with this be transmitt^{d} to your Honour and as I have receiv'd great benefit since my being here I shall certainly be in Town before any thing can be done in this Affair In the meantime I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your Honours & the Colonys
most faithfull Hum^{le} Serv^{t}

ELIAK^{M} PALMER

BATH 30th Octo^{r} 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO NATHANIEL STANLY.

MILFORD Nov^{br} y^{e} 1st 1746

Gentlemen

I here Send you a transcript of a Letter w^{ch} by y^{e} Last post I Rec^{vd} from m^{r} Agent Palmer Viz: S^{r} I have already wrote you by this Conveyance Since which y^{e} L^{ds} of the Council have taken into Consider

*This postscript is crossed out in the original.

ation the application made to them by y^e^ Several Colonies for the Reimbursement of y^e^ Expenses they were at in the taking Cape Britton and y^r^ L^d^ Ships have agreed to Report to his Majesty their opinion, that these Expences should be repaid by Parliament & that his Maj^ty^ Should Recommend it to y^m^ at the opening of y^e^ next Session to provide therefor; & that acc^ts^ of S^d^ Expences Should be laid before proper officers to Enquire into them & bring them into the next years Estimate. It will therefore be necessary for the Colony to Send over as Soon as possible particular act^os^ of their Charges on this occasion with proper Vouchers to Support them Certifyed upon Oath in order to be laid before y^e^ S^d^ officers in w^ch^ no time Should be lost &c

London y^e^ 19 of June 1746

The other Letter not Come to my hands I Conclude this & the other have layn in Boston for a Considerable time, no Shipp from London haveing lately arived there; think to write to m^r^ Wells to Enquire after y^e^ other Letter, however I Desire you with all possible Dispatch to Compleat y^e^ Duplicate of the Certificates, and Send them if possible by this Express, as also a Copy of y^e^ Act of Assembly in May directing our Agent to make any proper motion for the whole Expence, as for the Articles given in by Cap^t^ Prentice I Cant think of any other way to Supply the Defect but by Some persons making Affidavit that this is a true Copy of what he did attest and heretofore Sent home. we may also want a triplicate wh^h^ in these dangerous times is comonly provided

I have also Receiv^d^ a letter from Gov^rn^ Shirley of y^e^ 27 ult wherein he makes heavy Complaints of y^e^ abuses put on his officers for Enlisting men in this

Colony for y^e^ Canady Expedition by their withdrawing themselves thro y^e^ perswasion & violence of friends, Sham actions, Rescues by mobbs, & the magistrates making downright opposition to his majes^ts^ Interest instead of assisting them, praying y^e^ Interposition of my authority for remedying of this great Evil, as a Duty owing to his maj^ty^ as well as an act of Justice to his Gov^t^ and that wh^h^ he is Sure I Should Expect from him our Circumstances being Interchanged, of w^ch^ I would pray you to Inform his honour & other Gentlemen Concernd & that I would hereby Earnestly admonish and recommend to them to Strictly put in execution y^e^ Laws of y^e^ Gov^rnt^ for puting an End to all Evil practices y^r^ in. He also tells me he is Sending round all y^r^ Stores to Albany for ye expedition agst y^e^ fort at Crow point & further Says not. if any assistance from us be desird Conclude I shall hear more of it

from your humble Servant

J LAW

To Coll. STANLEY & y^e^ rest of y^e^ Com^tee^

P S If any Charges have arisen or appeard since the Certificates were drawn (as I suppose y^r^ has) let them be also certifyd in like mañer and if they can not let me know y^e^ amount of them, that I may signify it to our Agent. let M^r^ Secry draw y^e^ usual Certificate and putt y^e^ Seal of the Gov^t^ to it that I may finish it Also let me know if our Agent's Psallery granted in May last be sent to his Attorneys or Correspondents att Boston That I may acquaint him with it

D^r^ Copp having lately sent to me to give him Opportunity to renew and compleat y^e^ Plann of this Colony w^ch^ he formarly began and is lodgd in the Secrys office, and he supposeth considerably decayd,

I desire you would send it by y^e^ Bearer hereof, that I may send it to him for y^e^ s^d^ purpose

J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll^l^ Stanly Nov^br^ 1^st^ 1746 &c

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON November, 8. 1746.

Sir,

This Government having been alarmed with the Appearance of a formidable French Armament, which threatned an Invasion of this Province as well as the Reduction of the whole Province of Nova Scotia, have been much taken up in preparing for our own Defence & the Preservation of Annapolis to which Place I have sent Six hundred men for their Defence, & to put that Province into a State of Safety with respect to any future Attempts from the Enemy. But the French Fleet being now gone off these Coasts, I shall attend closely to the Prosecution of the Expedition against Crown Point, & have accordingly sent Provisions, Powder & all other necessary Stores of War to Hudson's River to be ready for our Forces at Albany, & particularly I have sent our large Mortar with a sufficient Number of Bomb Shells. And I have also sent a Thousand or twelve hundred of our Forces raised for the Canada Expedition to the Western Frontiers, & shall make them Fifteen Hundred at least, to proceed in that part of the Winter that shall be judged most Seasonable for the Prosecution of this Expedition, & to join the Forces from the Southern Colonies now on Hudson's River & those from your Colony: And as this is a Matter of the utmost Importance to the future Tranquility

of these Provinces & Colonies, & the Forces of Connecticut are so well versed in this kind of War, I must intreat your Honour to take effectual Care that the whole thousand of your Forces raised for the Expedition against Canada, to be ready to Join the rest of the Troops, that this Affair may be effectually prosecuted, a Miscarriage wherein may be of fatal Consequence, I shall not have a Man taken off from this Service, more that what I have thought necessary to be sent to Annapolis. And therefore I must repeat my earnest Desire that your Honour would press this Matter with the greatest Zeal & Vigour: And therefore I send this to you by Express, by whom I shall hope for an Answer

I am with great respect Sir
Your Honour's most
obedient humble Servant
W SHIRLEY.

The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirley's Letter Nov^br^ 8 1746

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

BOSTON November 8 1746

Sir

Being Informed that your Forces raised for the Expedition against Canada are gone into Winter Quarters & that your Government has given orders for the Disposal of the provisions laid in for their Subsistence in the Expedition against Crown Point, I have at the Desire of our assembly wrote in a very pressing manner to Govern^r^ Laws to have his whole number of Forces ready to proceed on this Important Expedition, your men being much more capable of

this Service than those of the Southern Colonies and as I have the greatest Confidence in your Zeal and activity to promote every thing that relates to the publick good, I must entreat you to use your Utmost endeavours that your Thousand Levies may be ready for this Service. I have sent all our Transports to Hudsons River with our provisions and Stores of war

I am with great respect

Sir your most humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOT Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Gov^r^ Shirley Nov^r^ 8 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD November 12^th^ 1746.

*S^r^*

Yours by an Express of y^e^ 8^th^ Instant I Receiv^d^ am Sorry mine of the 4^th^ had not Reach'd you before You wrote then I presume you Would have inform'd me of Some things ab^t^ w^h^ You are now Silent ℘ticularly whether you would proceed by Virtue of the Letter you had from the D. of N Castle w^r^ of you Sent me an Extract or by the Authority of the Several Gov^ts^, if you look back on Several Letters I have Sent, you may observe my poor Sentiments Ab^t^ it. if the King's Com^rs^ Come too late to go up S^t^ Larrence & orders for Altering the Plann and You Should order the Expedition by Land the way would be Clear. but if it Should happen Otherways, the Gov^ts^ by Y^r^ Own Authority might form Such an Expedition, (by their own Authority) which Seem'd to be the most Likely meanes to obviate the Seat of warr from our own Frontiers. for w^ch^ Purpose I should be very Ready to Call an Assembly. But the

Terrours of the French Fleet I concluded putt a Stop to it.

I Delay'd our Assembly in hopes of hearing Something from you by my Express, or the Comon Post or by Coll Williams and he Inform'd me Your Excellency Would Send by an Express before the Close of the Assembly w^ch^ he Inform'd, Would be that week, but nothing Coming the Assembly Desiring me by Y^r^ Vote to Direct Coll. Williams to offer a furlow to all under his Comand till further Order from his Maj^y^ I have done Accordingly as by my last I inform'd You, the Stores were orderd to be Dispos'd of by the Severall Companies.

So that the Present Situation of the affair is Such that Either by the Authority his Maj^y^ has Given You you must Order his Maj^ties^ Troops in this Gov^t^ to proceed, or an Assembly must be Call'd to form an Expedition on their own Acc^t^ & it will be Necessary to be in Conjunction with yours. of Which you have Given me no Notice It has troubled my thôts very much, that So Good a Design has Seem'd to be Dropp^t^ throû. And what Stepp to Take next, I am Exceedingly at a Loss about. I understand you wrote to Gov^r^ Wolcott by this Express, but he has not favour'd me with one Word about it. My thôts will Dwell upon it and Shall Take the best advice I can.

Gov^r^ Clinton has never favour'd me with one Line Since he went up to albany. and am this Day Inform'd by one of our Northwestern Inhabitants That the Last week he was att Hudsons River near Livingstons manner, and there was Inform'd (as he Supposes by Credible persons) That y^e^ forces ab^t^ 2300 w^ch^ went up to the Carrying Place were orderd to Return and Some of them were actually Return To albany. A General Peace is not only wish'd for but Expected by

many and in Case Providence Should be So favourable to mankind whether it Would be Prudence to Hazzard the lives of So many as may be Spent in Reducing Such an Unprofitable Hole as Crown Point. Whether only a Feint of it and (only) a Guarding well our Frontiers, 'till Providence Shall open a Clearer Scene to us may not be the better Policy I freely leave to Your better Judgment.

I have the Agreable Advice from our Agent of the Great Probability of the Expences against Cape Breton being Repaid.

Our Forces are Drawn off from Your Frontiers, being Sufficiently Reinforc'd by your own Troops.

I take leave to Subscribe Y^r^
Excellency's very Humble Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

To Gov^r^ SHIRLY

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Gov^r^ Shirley Nov^br^ 12^th^ 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD Nov^br^ 12 1746

*S^r^*

Having rec^d^ a Letter from Gov^r^ Shirley and understanding one was also by y^e^ same Express brôt I conclude your acc^t^ of y^e^ same with mine and you not having favourd me with your thôts upon the Subject I thôt proper to inclose my Answer to you with a flying Seal which you will fix and deliver it to Gov^r^ Shirley's Express and let me hear from you by the first Opportunity. And assuring you that I am

S^r^ Your faithfull Friend
and humble Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

the hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOTT Esq^r^

P S Mr Green ye Bearer has just informd me That he shall not return by Windser so I am disappointed of enclosing my Letter to Govr Shirley J L

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Novbr 14th 1746.

Sr

Yours of the 27th ultmo I recd and by an Express have observd to Govr Wolcott and other Gentlemen in that Quarter of the Govt the Complaints you made of the Abuses putt on the Officers you have improvd for enlisting men into his Majties Service against Canada and have earnestly admonisht and recomẽnded to them strictly to putt into Execution all the laws of ye Govt for preventing all evil practices yr in

The Hint you give me of an Expedition against Crown point by saying you have sent your Stores round to Albany, leads me into the dark having given me no Acct of it since by the coming of the french fleet and want of Orders from Home it seemed to be wholy stagnated. Our Assembly have orderd theirs to be sold, specially such of them as would not so well keep till the next Sumẽr and might then be supplyd with new if there should be Occasion whether you propose to proceed by ye Kings immediate Authority or ye Governments should be glad to know.

Our present Safety is owing to ye frowns of Providence on ye french Armament against us.

I have conceited The Congress att Breda has brôt contrary winds to Admiral Lestock but if an honble

peace ensue since nostra Louis-Municipii Abdicatione we may be an happy people without Canada

from Your Excellencies

most humble and devoted Servant

JONTH LAW

Govr SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley Novbr 4th 1746

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR Novr 15 1746

Sr

Yours of the 12th Instant Asking my thoughts on the Intended Expedition agt Crown Point I Just now have received. am alwaies ready to Give my thoughts on any thing you Comand when I know what to think

This Motion for our Joining in this Expedition had it Come forward in the sumer as it was talked on I should have heartyly promoted and Now it is hard to sett still and see any Brave Action going on by our Neighbours and bear No part in it tho Invited if it were possible to Join I Could be Glad to Join but Considering the advanced season all our stores on shore Transports DisCharged and so many things to Look up in order to our March I Cant tell what to Make of it but must Leave it to Your Honr and your Councill for the War if you think it is Impracticable I shall think so too

I understand that in this afair the Case of the other Govts is Diferent from this the Western forces are but Going on upon a scheme they have had before them all sumer and the Massachusetts Lodged their stores at Albany Last Sept as I have heard but

a March that way is in Every Respect New to us Necessity has no Law if that be not the Case Lett not this Collony lose any part of the Hon^{r} she has so well Deserved but if it be the Case as it seems to be we must submitt

I am your Hon^{s}
,very Humble ser^{t}
R WOLCOTT

P S I am unhapie to miss seeing your thoughts as you Intended

To the Hon^{able} JONATH^{N} LAW Esq^{r}

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r} In Milford On His Majesties Service To be Left with Nathan^{ll} Stanly Esq^{r} for Conveyance

[Indorsed] Dep^{y} Gov^{r} Wolcott^{s} Lett^{r} concerning Crown Point Expedition rec^{d} ℔ Cap^{t} Church Nov^{r} 26 1746

[Bears a wax seal carrying the Wolcott arms.]

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON November, 17th, 1746

Sir,

Your Honour's Letter of the 12th Instant, I have before me, & I am Sorry any little Scruples or Difficulties should retard an Affair of so much Importance as I take that of our proceeding against Crown Point to be, as to the Origin of this Expedition I came into it in Concert with Admiral Warren, that his Majesty's Forces might be serviceable as far as possible towards the Reduction of Canada by Land, when the Season of attacking it by Water was lapsed, this Affair would be of little or no Expence more, either to his Majesty, or to the Governments in America, than for the Forces to receive the King's Pay & Subsistence from

these Governments & do nothing, & if we heartily & vigorously prosecute this Enterprize & God grant us Success, the Advantages must be very great, & are very visible; This will effectually secure the six Nations & a great Number of other Indians to the Number of three Thousand, an Affair his Majesty esteems of great Consequence & has written concerning it as such to Governour Clinton; And it must be very beneficial to the several Governments, because no doubt can be made, but that, if Crown Point be in Our hands & well secured, we shall Meet with little or no Difficulty from Canada, not only because of the Distance & Difficultv of coming at us, but the Western Indians will then find the Canadians Work enough at home, if Canada it self should not be taken, but another Advantage is, that this would pave the way, & give us an easy Access to Canada next Spring, if his Majesty should then revive the Expedition as seems very probable; As to the Governments forming or undertaking this Expedition against Crown Point, they have no Command of the King's Forces, but when those who have set it on foot, it must be the Interest of the Governm^{ts} to provide Subsistence & every way encourage it, rather than grant Subsistance as they do & have agreed to, & have the Forces all idle & useless; I must therefore Press your Honour to send your Provisions & Stores as soon as possible to Albany, before Hudson's River be frozen, that the Forces may be ready to take the most favourable Opportunity to go to the Attack of Crown Point Fort, which some of the best Judges say is in the Winter, his Majesty's Forces in this Province are all gone or going to Annapolis & in this Expedition, & as none of yours are designed for Annapolis, it is expected they all join in this Undertaking against Crown Point,

& that they be held in readiness to march immediately when the best Opportunity offers, & when the Forces among us march, which will be soon, & of which you shall have Notice, & I have written by this Convenience to Col° Williams accordingly.

You must be sensible that Harmony in the several Governments in their Proceeding about this Affair, tends greatly to its Success, And I hope your Government which has always been so forward & exemplary in good & publick Undertakings, will not be backward as to what is expected from them in this.

I am Sir, with very great Respect

Your Honour's most

obedient, Humble serv^t^

W SHIRLEY.

The Hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esq^r^.

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON Nov^r^ 26^th^ 1746

Hon^ble^ Sir

This waits on Your Honour to advise You that last Night Cap^t^ Burnham arriv'd & bro^t^ a Packett from Gov^r^ Knowles for Admiral Warren, & in his absence for Gov^r^ Shirly. All the Inteligence he brings from Louisbourg, (which place he left the 10^th^ Ins^t^) is, that Adm^l^ Townsend sail'd for England the 9^th^ Ins^t^ with 4 Capital Ships, 2 Snows, 1 fireship, & a french Prize, taken sometime since; that M^r^ Walberton went with him; And that Gov^r^ Knowles was soon to Embark for Boston, they are still Sickly in the Garrison 4 or 5 dying daily. They have advice there that Admiral Lestock, has landed his Troops on the Island S^t^ Martins, in the bay of Biscay. The Rhode Island Sloop of Warr, & all the Transports are on Shore att

old Town, but all save one like to be gott off again. Mad^{m} Warren being in Town, (on her Passage for New York, haveing lately taken leave of the Adm^{l} at Newport, he being soon to Embark for England) has taken the Packet to forw^{d} to the Admiral.

I am y^{r} Hon^{rs} Most Obed^{t} Hum^{l} Serv^{t}.

G [ ]TONSTALL

[Superscribed] To The Hon^{ble} JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r} Governour att Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Saltonstall's Letter Nov^{br} 26 1746 and Copy of an Order to lay up y^{e} Sloop 29th 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM PITT.*

MILFORD in Connecticut Nov^{r} 26, 1746

Sr

You will I conclude herewith receive y^{e} muster Rolls of y^{e} Several companies In y^{e} Regiment raised in this Colony in pursuance of his Majesty's order and for his Service in y^{e} designed Expedition against y^{e} French Settlements at Canada in which you will see y^{e} names of y^{e} Officers and y^{e} Respective offices to which they are appointed and y^{e} Time in which they Engaged in y^{e} Service as also y^{e} Several Days in which y^{e} Soldiers did enlist; and I w^{d} take ye Liberty to Say in their behalf that from y^{e} time of their engagement they have been on y^{e} business and continually waiting for Orders to proceed; and therefore agreeable to y^{e} Assurance given by his Grace y^{e} D. of N. C. (viz. "y^{t} all those y^{t} Shall engage in this "Service, as well officers as Soldiers will immediately "enter into his Majesty's pay; y^{e} Officers from y^{e} time

* William Pitt, later first Earl of Chatham, and known as a friend of the American Colonies in their struggle for Independence, was promoted to the post of Paymaster-General May 6, 1746.

"they Shall engage in his Majestys Service; and y^e^ "Soldiers from y^e^ respective days on which they Shall enlist:) desire that both Officers and Soldiers may receive their pay accordingly

I am Sr Yr Most Obed^t^ Hum^le^ Ser^t^

JON^TH^ LAW

To y^e^ Pay Master General of his Majesty's Forces

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to y^e^ Pay master Gen^l^ of his Maj^ties^ forces Nov^br^ 26 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

MILFORD in Connecticut Nov^r^ 26: 1746

*S^r^*

Pursuant to his Majesties Instructions signified by his Grace y^e^ Duke of N: Castle in his Letter of y^e^ 9^th^ of April 1746 y^e^ Government of Connecticut have Raised a Regiment of a thousand men Including officers for y^e^ Designed Expedition against Canada, y^e^ Muster Rolls of y^e^ several Companies I Conclude you will herewith Receive, with a letter to y^e^ pay master General of his Majesty^s^ forces and I Can assure you that from y^e^ Time of their Ingaging in s^d^ service they have been on y^e^ business & Encamped at New London y^e^ place appointed for their Embarkation waiting for orders to proceed, and therefore agreeable to y^e^ assurance given by said Instructions in s^d^ Letter, viz that "all those that shall Engage in this service as well "officers as soldiers that they will Immediately enter "into his Majesties pay the officers from the Time "they shall Ingage in his Majesties service: and y^e^ "soldiers from y^e^ respective days on which they shall "Enlist; would Earnestly desire you to use your Interest that y^e^ officers and soldiers may Receve their

wages — and also that the officers may have y^r^ Commiss^s^ Sent them, the Duke of N. Castle having declared in his orders to us that they w^d^ be Sent to me by y^e^ next Conveyance.

Yours of y^e^ 19^th^ of June 19^th^ of July & 6^th^ of Sept^br^ I have rec^d^ I have sent a Triplicate of Instructions ab^t^ y^e^ Merchants Bill in Parliament shall take Care to send another I have orderd your Psalery granted in May to be sent to your Correspondents

Heaven only, has protected us hitherto from the vast Armament ffrance has sent against us but having a strong persuasion That Admiral Lestock w^th^ L^t^ Gen^l^ S^t^ Clair approachd y^e^ Northern American Coast at y^e^ desire of M^r^ Shirley and M^r^ Warren I sent our Colony Sloop to carry Intelligence to Admiral Lestock of y^e^ Situation of the french Fleet about w^ch^ time they went off y^e^ Coast and fear least She should be fallen into y^r^ hands knowing not what is come of her frequent alarms on our Neighbours in the Northwestern Parts of y^e^ Massathusetts Province have occasiond our sending considerable forces to protect them and at the Desire of Gov^r^ Shirley I orderd our Canada Regiment and y^e^ one half of our Militia to be ready at an hours warning to march to y^e^ assistance of Boston on y^e^ Approach of y^e^ french fleet an Expectation whereof had thrown y^m^ into y^e^ greatest Consternation ; but they being gone off M^r^ Shirley is pushing forward an Expedition against Crown point on his and M^r^ Warrens altering y^e^ Plan of Operation against Canada upon an Hypothesis that power is given to them by a Letter of the D of New Castle's to M^r^ Shirley that w^n^ L^t^ Gen^l^ S^t^ Clair should arrive att Louisburg it would be left to y^m^ there to alter y^e^ plann they being y^e^ Major Part of the three but I and some others doubt of it and y^e^ time being lapsd

for sending our Stores to Albany before any Notice given of a Design to proceed on such a Scheme we can not pursue it. and I understand by y^e^ publick Prints of N. York That the Assembly have declind and determind against a winter Campain.

I hope our strongest Attachment to his Maj^ties^ Interest and Gov^t^ will not be questiond for want of a more early Address to him on y^e^ Acc^t^ of his Success in quelling y^e^ Rebellion in Scotland and shall not forgett to putt y^e^ Assembly in mind of it at y^r^ next Session as you have observed to me as also to authorize you to receive y^e^ money that may be granted for a Reimbursement

I heartily Subscribe

Your very humble Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

ELIAKIM PALMER Esq^r^

JONATHAN LAW TO MICHAEL BURNHAM.

To M^r^ Michael Burnham Cap^t^ of y^e^ Sloop Defence

You are hereby Directed to prepare the Sloop to be laid up by unloading her Stores &c as has been usual on such like Occasions and deliver y^e^ whole into the Care of Coll^l^ Gurdon Saltonstall who is hereby desird to receive y^e^ same, taking proper Acc^t^ y^r^ of and disembark your men and discharge them from any further Service

Given under my hand att MILFORD this 29^th^ of Nov^br^ 1746

with the Advice of y^e^ Com^tee^ of Warr

JON^TH^ LAW

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WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON December 6th 1746.

Sir,

This goes by Express to Acquaint your Honour That I have, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council of this Province in Consideration of the present Disposition of the Six Nations to join with us, & the Rupture which they have already made with the French by killing five of their People & taking Nine Prisoners, & the Advancing of the Winter Season, given Orders for our Forces marching without Delay to Saratoga, And I suppose some part of them will be moving thither from the County of Hampshire (where they have been posted there six or eight Weeks) within two or three Days, & the rest will follow with all possible Dispatch.

I must therefore pray your Honour that you would give effectual Orders that your whole Forces may march without Delay to Hudson's River with all Stores & Implements necessary for carrying on this important Enterprize before the proper Season be lost, & to join the Forces of the other Colonies that may march to Crown Point in the most favourable Season for their passing with Safety, & for hindering the French from sending Succours

I am Sir with great regard
Your Honour's most
Obedt Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

P. S. There is a Rumour that the Small Pox is at Saratoga, but I much doubt of the Truth of it & think it should not delay our Proceedings; For I am endeavouring to know how it is, And if it be so I shall send Advices accordingly Decr 9. 1746

W S.

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN LAW.

WEATHERSF^{LD} Decemb^{r} 8. 1746.

Sir

In Conversation with Col^{l} Burr last Week, I perceived by Him he Supposed y^{r} Honour had not acquainted the Duke of New-Castle, what this Government had done, in raising Forces for the King, pursuant to his Directions, signified by his Grace's Letter of Last April. Which he Supposed, as well as my Self, to be necessary, in Order to the purposed Application to be made by our Agent, in behalf of the regiment here raised for the King's Service, having the desired Effect; The Duke justly expecting to be Informed by y^{r} Hon^{rs} own Hand, what the Government has Done, &c. We judged it therefore Necessary to apply to y^{r} Honour for that Purpose, which he assured me, he would do on his return; and thought it best I should Send a Messenger (as I now Do) on purpose to wait upon y^{r} Hon^{r} for Such a Letter, that it may go wth y^{e} other Packets, not doubting but that y^{r} Hon^{r} will apprehend the Propriety and necessity of it. I remember y^{r} Hon^{rs} Saying it was needful I should Send a Power of attorney to M^{r} Palmer — but I forgot to pray of y^{r} Hon^{r} Three Certificates y^{e} Persons being a Justice of y^{e} Peace, that shall Swear y^{e} Evidences to the Instrument, to which the Secretary may put the Seal of the Colony which I now beg Your Hon^{r} would be so good as to Send To

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
ELISHA WILLIAMS

The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r}

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esq^{r} Govern^{r} &c In Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Williams's Letter and Copy of a Letter to D of new Castle Dec^{br} 9th 1746

JONATHAN LAW TO DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

MILFORD Dec^{br} 9 1746

May it please Your Grace

I beg leave to acquaint you That having receivd his Maj^{ties} Comands for raising as many men as we should be able &c by your Grace's Letter of y^{e} 9th of April last I imediatly lead y^{e} Assembly into y^{e} Consideration y^{r}of and they presently Agreed to raise six hundred men and so many more as should freely offer y^{m}selves and for y^{r} Encouragement gave a Premium of 10^{lb} our Currency and 30^{lb} for y^{r} Cloathing but the neighbouring Gov^{ts} who acted after us giving greater Encouragement, happend to be a Discouragement to our people and induced many to draw off to them Whereupon I calld our Assembly in June following, when they encreasd the Premium to 30^{ll} and the Cloathing to 40^{ll} and the Number to be raisd to a 1000 including Officers and appointed Officers according to his Maj^{tics} Instructions signifyd by your Grace that y^{e} blank Com^{ns} which you said would be sent might be filld up, the Muster Rolls whereof are herewith transmitted to our Agent Eliakim Palmer Esq^{r} with a Letter to y^{e} Pay-Master Gen^{l} of his Maj^{ties} forces. The forces were encampt att New London on the 14th of August (the place appointed for y^{r} Embarkation) waiting for further Orders to proceed. the Store Vessells with provisions for five months with the Transports being y^{r} ready to receive them and for seven months more orderd to be sent after them. and now I would humbly beg your Grace's good Officies in favour of the Officers and Souldiers that they may have the Kings pay for y^{e} the time they have been in his Maj^{ties} Service as signifyd in your Graces Letter and (if it may be) that the Officers may be favourd with their Comissions

with all possible Assurances of the strongest Affections and Attachments to his Majᵗʸ his Interest and Govᵗ of all our people even to a man I begg leave to Subscribe

Your Graces

most obedient Humble Servant

JONᵀᴴ LAW

his Grace ye Duke of New Castle

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

Sʳ

Yours of yᵉ 30ᵗʰ of April and yᵉ 10ᵗʰ of may Last I Recᵈ a few Days ago with the inclosed Copy of a bill about yᵉ paper Currancy which I Laid before the General Assembly then Sitting who have considered the matter and Desire me to give you the following instructions together with the short Hints hereafter mentioned as the grounds thereof Relating to that affair viz

1ˢᵗ our ancestors obtained this Colony by purchase and Conquest and with much Difficulty at a great Expence of money and by yᵉ Loss of many Lives and by their only endeavour Expence & Charge subdued and improved yᵉ Country which thereby became a Considerable inlargement and addition to yᵉ Dominion and interest of yᵉ Crown in these parts as may be seen fully set forth in our Charter and is given as a Reason in said Charter for granting those Priviledges therein contain'd

2 That we have always been at yᵉ whole cost and Expenc in Defending yᵉ people of this Government in all times of war of which there have been many and have also Assisted our Neighbouring Goverments

in their Defence as often as occasion Required and have Never cost the Crown at any time any thing for our Defence.

3 That we have been always Ready to furnish our quota of Soldiers and to grant all supplys for the Support of the war that has at any time been Required of us by y^e^ Crown which we Did without making use of our Credit until the year 1709 when her Late majesty Queen Ann ordered an Expedition against the french at Canada and that this Goverment should furnish her Majesty with a Number of Souldiers and supply them with provisions and pay them ourselves for that Expedition our Silver and Gold being then all Exhausted by former Expences & y^e^ undertaking being so great a burden on this Colony that altho they Chearfully obeyed her Majestys orders Yet they Could not then have Done it had not they Made use of the Credit of the Colony which they then Did by Creating and issuing y^e^ first bills of Credit that Ever were Emitted in this Goverment wherein they followed the Example of y^e^ Massachusets Colony who had Done y^e^ Like Seven years before

and that her Said Majesty in the years 1710 & 1711 ordered two Expeditions more against the french the one to Port Royal the other to Canada in both which in obedience to her S^d^ Majestys Commands this Goverment Sent their proportion of Men paid and supported them but were oblidged to make use of their further Credit and accordingly Emitted bills of Credit for y^t^ purpose by means whereof the Goverment were very much in Debt and unable to pay the Same for many years but a little before y^e^ Spanish war the Goverments Debts were Reduced to about six thousand pounds or less but then agen to Enable the Goverment to Comply with his Majestys instructions

concerning the Expedition to y^e^ Spanish west indies this Goverment was oblidged to Emit Larger sums of such bills of Credit and also for the answering the present Extraordinary Expense in supporting y^e^ war both by Sea and Land against French & Spaniards have Done y^e^ Like without which this Goverment under its present burndens & Expence could not possibly bare a sutable part against his Majestys common Enemys.

4 That at all other times there has been No Emissions more than to answer the Common Expence of y^e^ currant years Respectively which have been sunk by taxes Laid upon the people from time to time Exceeding the Emissions, save only two Emissions on Loan the one of about fifty thousand pound of our old tenor bills y^e^ periods for y^e^ payment of which are Expired and all y^t^ Remain unpaid of that Sum the assembly in May Last ordered to be sued in and appointed agents for that purpose who now have y^e^ business in their hands.

and the other a Loan of twenty two thousand pound of our New tenor bills the period for y^e^ payment of one half of which is past and for y^e^ payment of y^e^ other half will be in May 1748. which will be complyed with as Exactly as may be.

5 That this Goverment tho' formerly they made it obligatory on persons to take their bills of credit in payment of Debts which was with on exception of Contracts for currant Silver money & was founded on a presumption such bills were understood to be Contracted for yet for Nine year Last past there has been no Law to take Effect for that purpose neither are they now a Legal tender with us but only when Contracted for. therefore it plainly follows that had not the Neighbouring Goverments gone much beyond

us both in Respect to the quantity of y^e^ bills of Credit Emitted and in making it obligatory on persons to take them in payment of private Debts (in which Cases we leave them to Justify or Excuse themselves) there had been no Just grounds for those matters contained in y^e^ preamble of y^e^ S^d^ bill therein Set forth as mischiefs to be Remedied.

6 That his present Majesty and his Royal Predesessors in their Princely wisdom and goodness have always in their orders and instructions to this Goverment Considered us as enjoying the Priviledges contain'd in our Charter Different from y^e^ Constitution of those plantations y^t^ are under his Majestys immediate Commission & Goverment we have therefore observed that his Majestys instructions to us Respecting affairs of Goverment are always very Different from those given to his Governours under his immediate Commission those to us being always to the Governour & Company of this Colony as one body agreable to our Said Charter and therefore we suppose it is that his Majesty never tho't proper to transmit to us or to y^e^ Governour of this Colony any orders or instructions for y^e^ inserting a Clause in any act made for y^e^ Emitting paper bills that the Same Should not take Effect until y^e^ S^d^ act should be approved by his Majesty. but only to acquaint this Colony with what instructions he hath given to his Governours under his immediate Commission Respecting y^e^ paper currancy and that we in that matter Should Conform to the Act of Parliament passt in y^e^ 6^th^ of Q. Anne and to the Sense of y^e^ house of Commons therein we never have had any orders or instructions from his Majesty inconsistent with our Charter priviledges nor have we ever refused or neglected to pay a ready obedience to his orders it hence follows that this Colony has given

no occasion for inserting those things that are contained in y^e^ introductory part of y^e^ Last paragraph of y^e^ S^d^ bill and as we are not within the Reason of y^e^ bill So it would be Exceeding hard & as we conceive contrary to y^e^ Natural Rights of English men to include us in y^e^ Enacting part thereof.

7 That the body of y^e^ S^d^ bill in the fore part of it is Calculated intirely to prohibit the Plantations Creating and issuing bills of Credit on any account whatsoever but then so as that nothing shall be Understood to Restrain his Majesty from authorizing and impowering by his Royal instructions any Governour &c. to give assent to any such act &c. on which two things are observable first that his Majesty as has before been observed never understood that y^e^ Royal assent particularly to be given was necessary to any acts passed here agreable to Charter which only Limits us to make acts not Contrary to y^e^ Laws of England. Secondly that such a General prohibition will intirely cut this Government of from using their Credit in extraordinary and Sudden Emergencys of Goverment when our Credit is most wanted and without which we may be Sunk and Destroyed by a Common Enemy and without which we shall be unable to obey his Majestys orders in any Expedition hereafter to be made nor can we now possibly support the war which to us is Exceeding Expensive in building and maintaining a private Ship of War to Cruise on our Coasts & Defending our wide Frontiers against incursions from y^e^ Enemy

8 The Enacting part of y^e^ Last paragraph of y^e^ S^d^ bill at once if it Should pass in parliament would Strike out of our Charter the fundamental priviliges Contained in it and abridges us of y^e^ Priviledges the Kings subjects in the Nation Enjoy (of which none

are more Loyal than those of this Collony) which we cannot believe a British Parliament will at once Deprive us of, for now by our Charter we have a General power and Authority to Make good and wholesome Laws &c. not Contrary to y^e^ Laws of England that being the only Limitation or Restraint Laid upon our authority and priviledge (which we have always used with utmost care and Caution and on the Least intimation from his Majesty y^t^ we had transgressed y^e^ Limits afores^d^ we have Readily and Chearfully Corrected y^e^ Same accordingly)

but if y^e^ afores^d^ bill Should pass our authority to Make Laws will be Limited and Restrained by y^e^ Royal orders and instructions. that is to say that whereas we may now Make all good and Wholesome Laws not Contrary to y^e^ Laws of England it will then be that we may make such Laws not Contrary to the Kings orders and instructions from time to time to be given which also Extends to all matters as well as to those Respecting y^e^ bills of Credit.

therefore you may See that as this Colony have Even purchased or Conquered the Lands contained in their Charter and as English men have a Natural and Civil Right to Enjoy their priviledges so this bill if it passes will Deprive us of great part of that which we have such a Right unto at y^e^ Expense of so much of our Bloud and Treasure. I am therefore in behalf of y^e^ Colony to Direct you to make a vigorous opposition against y^e^ passing of y^e^ S^d^ bill and to Represent us in that Light we truly ought to stand in by which it will appear we ought to be in Diverse Respects Distinguished from other Plantations and to object particulary against those parts of y^e^ bill which is herein before pointed out as being more immediately hurtfull to this Goverment and further that y^e^ Last

paragraph which is now Expressed in such General terms if any thing of that kind must pass y^t it May be Limited to acts Respecting bills of Credit only which even then will Exceedingly hurt ard weeken y^e Goverment but not give it such a total and fatal Stroke as it must unavoidably Do if So General as now if Stands but if the Parliament Should think proper to fix y^e Standard of Money and Determin what shall be y^e money of y^e Plantations and oblidge them to Conform to such a Standard and Determin y^e quantity Each Goverment shall be Limited not to Exceed in their Emissions or have subsisting and passing at any one time this Goverment has nothing to offer against Such an Act but the bill aforesd if it passes will Cashier us of our Priviledges of which we have made no forfieture which we cannot believe the Parliament will Do and indeed to Deny us liberty to Emitt our Bills or Notes payable at a Set period not makeing them obligatory (as is the present case) would be to Deny us a Liberty which every Single Subject enjoys

S^r these hints together with such other and better Reasons as you and your Council will be able to make use of we hope will prevent the passing of those parts of y^e bill which so immediatly affect this Colony I make no Doubt but youll use your Endeavours to Serve the Colony in procuring the best Counsell to maintain and Defend us in our just Charter Rights and Priviledges and the Natural rights and Liberties of Englishmen what Expence you Shall be at in these Affairs please to Draw on us for and your Bill shall meet with due Honour I am &c

. In the upper House

Read and approved and ordered to be Transmitted to the lower house

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret^{y}

In y^{e} Lower House

Read and Approved —

Test JN^{O} FOWLER Clerk*

Since these Instructions were read and approved in both Houses there having been the two noted Instances of y^{e} Expeditions against Cape Breton and Canada w^{ch} must conclude in our favour for had y^{e} Bill in Parliament obtaind against us all mankind must be sensible that those undertakings had been altogether impossible and utterly impracticable and Subscribe

Your very humble Servant

JONTH LAW

MILFORD Dec^{br} 9th 1746

ELIAKIM PALMER Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Instructions to the Agent Oct^{r} 1744 p u H

[Indorsed by Law] Sent to our Agent Dec^{br} 9th 1746

GEORGE CLINTON TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

EXTRACT FROM GOVERNOUR CLINTON'S LETTER TO GOVERNOUR SHIRLEY.

NEW YORK 19th Decemb^{r} 1746/7

Sir

I had the favour of your Excellencys dated the 10th inst. by Express about 5 in the Evening the 14th, we had just then a Prize come in, one of the Chebucto Storeships, which occasioned great uneasiness in the City, she having some Cottons & Woolens on board which prevented my returning the Express, as

* This action of the General Assembly is not recorded in the Colonial Records.

did also a Ship just going for England that I was oblig'd to Send Duplicates by, & have but just now dispatch'd her, and another thing that inclin'd me to keep the Express was the hopes I had of hearing something from Governour Laws, but am told this morning that their Assembly dont meet till the Week after this, which I am afraid will make it too late. Inclos'd I send your Excellency the report of the Committee of Council made to me this morning which is the opinion of most of the Gentlemen here that know anything of the Country, however your Excellency may be Assur'd of all the Assistance I can give agreeable to the Opinion of the Gentlemen of the Council.

I sent for Col° Roberts down from Albany purely to meet Brigadier Waldo, that we might have Consulted, who I propose shall Set out to Wait on your Excellency in two or three days, with Instructions which may prevent losing time.

Compard by

W SHIRLEY

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of G Clintons to Gov^r^ Shirley Dec^br^ 19 1746

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Dec^r^ 22. 1746.

Sir,

Yours of the 17^th^ Instant I have receiv'd; In Answer to which I beg leave to say, that I am sensible it depends on your Assembly, & not upon your Committee of War to order the Sending of Provisions to Crown Point; and from the Spirit, with which the Assembly of your Colony has hitherto acted, I could wish t[ ] had been sitting, when you received my

Letter. But by the accounts I have from Gentlemen here, thô the River had been frozen up before that point could have been determined, the transporting of provisions would not have been impracticable; And I am in hopes from what I have heard Col° Williams declare h[ ] lately, that the Complaints of your Officers at not having yet receiv'd either Commissions or pay might be got over without Difficulty. As to the Force's (I suppose you mean that now proposd) being insufficient for an Attempt against Crown point, it is as strong as that w^ch^ was propos'd from the beg[ ] being 1500 Troops from this Province, 1000 from your Colony, 1500 from New York, the 500 Jersey troops, 300 Pensilvania Troops, 300 Maryland, 100 Virginia Soldiers, in all 5200 men, a sufficient number in my Opinion to go against Crown Point. The small Pox's still prevailing in the western Army was unknown to me, when I sent my Letter. That is Indeed a discouraging Circumstance & deserves to be considered. As to the Sentiments of the Assembly of New York in this Affair, I have reced Gou^r^ Clinton's answer to my Letter upon it, with the Advice of His Majestys Council for that Colony to his Excy upon my Letter; & neither of 'em take notice of the Declaration of their Assembly as an objection in the Case. From whence you Col lect that his majesty has laid aside the Expedition against Canada I dont know; I think rather the Contrary is to be inferr'd from his majestys not having yet signified to any of his Governours upon this Continent that he has laid it aside; many accidents indeed hindred Gen^l^ Sinclair & admiral Lestock from proceeding in it this year with the Armament under their respective Commands, 'till the Season w[ ] too far Advanc'd to Admit it; and thereupon the Squad-

ron & Forces destin'd for that Expedition are employ'd this Winter in other service an argument rather as it seems to me, that we should likewise [ ] employed his majestys Forces rais'd here in a service, which besides [ ] Other immediate advantages Radounding to the Colonies from it (should it Succeed) would greatly facilitate the Conquest of Canada next year — as to admiral Warren, he is gone home with a View of forwarding the Expedition, and Admiral Townsend was designed to go home this year even if the Expedition had proceeded the last Summer. But was it Evident that his majesty had laid aside the Expedition, as you think, that is upon all Accounts (in my Opinion) the Strongest argument that can be made use of why the Colonies should at this Juncture push on their design'd Expedition against Crown point, when they have a stronger Force Assembled and in pay than they are likely to have again soon; when the Indians of the Six Nations have taken up the Hatchet against the French, & seem ready to Assist us in the Expedition; and the Government of New Hampshire is forming an attempt against Cape Francois with a Body of 500 of their Levies besides Voluntiers, w^ch^ must greatly favour an Expedition against Crown point by the Alarm and Diversion, it will give the Enemy at S^t^ Francois if Carried on at the same time with that, as is propos'd. I can't be of your mind for the reasons mention'd in your Letter, that the Expedition against Canada was sett on foot by his majesty's ministry in appearance only, and for reasons of State, especially as I have had the honour lately to Receive Advices from a very principal Gentleman in it declaring the Contrary. If you mean by saying in your Letter "that you "Remember I & M^r^ Warren were of Opinion that

"the Forces Expected from home with all that were "raised in all the Governments were insufficient to "enter Canada" that we were of Opinion such a Force was not sufficient to Attempt the Reduction of Crown point, which you seem to do by the Drift of your Letter, I can't Recollect that M^r^ Warren & I ever declared ourselves of that Opinion; I am sure it is very far from being mine at least; & it must be a misconstruction of some loose Expression in one of our Letters, upon which your Honour grounds such a notion. From whence you Apprehend that one half of the propos'd Forces of this province are either sent another way or not rais'd, I can't Say; not more than 800 men according to my Calculation, are sent by me to Annapolis Royal, and I believe I may have told your Honour in a former Letter that about 2500 men were rais'd here in the whole, which I take to be fact, & believe that rather more than that Number has been raised here. As to the New Hampshire Levies I have already informed your Honour that they are to be employed ag^st^ S^t^ Francois, w^ch^ in my Opinion will more favour the propos'd Attempt of the other Troops against Crown point, than if they were to join with 'em in it. As to the Troops raised in the Colony of Rhode Island, they are indeed all destin'd and have actually sail'd for Annapolis Royal, thô they met with Accidents in their passage; But whether they reach that place or not that Government has thereby declar'd it self of Opinion that the Forces rais'd there should be employed in some service for the Publick good.

I can't think with your Honour in that part of your Letter, where you say, that "the Footsteps of "Providence in our many Disappointments should "teach us to be still and stand upon our own Defence,

"till his majesty shall be pleased to undertake in so "great an affair;" on the Contrary I think providence seems to encourage us to act offensively against our Enemies by having so highly favoured us in our late Attempts against them, and to have frowned so remarkably upon them in their most formidable Attempts against us, Witness the Reduction of Cape Breton, & preservation of Annapolis Royal owing in a great measure to our setting that Expedition on Foot, & the late Disappointment of the French Fleet on the Coast of Acc[ ] by a Providential Train of Disasters, and I must freely own to your Honour, that it ever was my Opinion, since I have been acquainted with the Affairs of New England, that considering our Superiour numbers to the French of Canada, & their method of inciting the Indians to de[ ] our Frontier Settlements in time of war, and to murder our Women & children, it would be the least Expensive and most effective manner of protecting and Defending our selves against 'em, for us to Act offensively, and annoy the French in their Settlements: Indeed I can't think what sufficient Defence we can well propose for our Frontiers against the Incursions of the Enemy, whilst they remain masters of Crown Point; There seems to me to be none but to wrest that Fortress out their hands; and our holding possassion of that with Annapolis Royal might indeed go far towards effectually defending us against 'em tho we should not act offensively; and as to our staying 'till his majesty shall undertake in this Affair, I dont think we can reasonably expect that his majesty will ever undertake more in the particular affair of Crown Point, than he has eventually now done, nor indeed so much; if this opportunity is not made use of by us, especially when

it is Considered that this Fort is an Incroachm^{t} of the French upon his majestys Territorys, w^{ch} the Colonies by an unaccountable Inactivity permitted 'em to finish when they might easily have prevented it.

I am glad to find your Honour agrees with me "that a successful attempt against Crown Point might "well answer all the Ends I propose & especially since "some of the Indians have taken up the Hatchet "against our Enemies" For my own part I acknowledge that the retaining of the Indians of the Six Nations in the English Interest & engaging 'em in the present War against the French are matters (in my opinion) of so great Consequence to his Majestys Colonies, that it was the principal motive with me for promoting an immediate attempt against Crown point, since there would be the utmost Danger, as I Apprehended of our Losing 'em, if we let drop all Attempts against the Enemy this year, in which case it would indeed be much more difficult for us either to defend our selves, or annoy our Enemies, than it is at present.

After having said so much in former Letters upon the Affair of the inlisting Officers employed by me within your Government, & perus'd what you have said in answer to it in your Letter, I think it would be a needless trouble to you for me to say any thing further about it.

I am Sir

Your Honours most Obedient

Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

His Honour Gov^{r} Law

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